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**CASE OF INTEREST**

**Defendant Convicted for Murdering Woman with Metal Safe Box**

**DATE:** February 23, 2016

**CASE:** Matthew Drake

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Andrew Smith, Homicide Unit

Matthew Drake was convicted by jury of first-degree murder. The jury also found true a use of a deadly weapon allegation.

Matthew Drake knew the victim, Fallon Boroja, from when they previously lived in the same board and care home. On April 22, 2014, Drake happened to run into Ms. Boroja at a park. Later that afternoon, they returned to Ms. Boroja's house. The two kissed and hugged on the couch and then went into Ms. Boroja's bedroom. A short time later, a housemate discovered Ms. Boroja's body on her bedroom floor. She had been bludgeoned to death with a metal safe box.

Drake was arrested the next morning. He told the detective that Ms. Boroja attacked him with the safe and he defended himself. He stated that during the struggle, the safe fell on her head. Drake said he believed Ms. Boroja was going to die as a result, so he hit her several times in the head so she would not suffer.

Drake has a prior strike conviction. He faces a sentence of 51 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for March 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 27 before the Honorable Delbert Oros.