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La Palma Man Convicted of Murdering his Uncle in 2011

LA PALMA, Calif. – Kirk Michael Galvin, 25, of La Palma recently plead guilty to one felony count of second degree murder for killing his uncle and dumping the victim's body in a remote area of Santa Barbara County in 2011. On July 27, 2011, Galvin murdered his 53 year-old uncle in his father's La Palma apartment while his father was out of town. Galvin drove his uncle's body to a remote area of Santa Barbara and attempted to destroy the body by setting it on fire. He then fled the scene. Two hikers found the victim's burned body on July 30, 2011 and called the local police.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff Department initiated an investigation surrounding the victim's body, but the investigation was turned over to the La Palma Police Department when evidence showed that the crime occurred in the city of La Palma. La Palma detectives arrested Galvin on August 5, 2011 in the city of Signal Hill. Galvin was driving the victim's car at the time of the arrest. Galvin has been in custody at Orange County Jail since his arrest.

Galvin faces a maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison at his sentencing, currently scheduled for May 23, 2014, at the Central Justice Center, in Santa Ana.

About the City of La Palma

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2007, 2011, and 2013 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 56 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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