

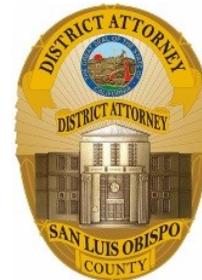
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**JURY CONVICTS JOHN STEVEN DANNER
OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER
AND DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, September 28, 2015 – At 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, a San Luis Obispo County Jury returned a verdict of guilty in the murder trial of John Steven Danner, 23, (dob 4/30/1990) charged with the death of 47 year old Billy Don Law (dob 9/9/1966) on February 7, 2015 at their joint residence in rural Paso Robles. The jury also found true an enhancement that alleged John Danner personally used and discharged a firearm in the commission of the murder.

The trial before Hon. Judge Michael Duffy of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court began September 8th, and lasted three weeks. Sentencing is scheduled for October 27, 2015. Mr. Danner faces a mandatory term of 15 years to life in state prison for the murder conviction plus an additional 25 years to life in state prison for the discharge of a firearm during the commission of the crime.

Detectives from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office led the investigation of this case and Assistant District Attorney Lee Cunningham led the prosecution team.

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