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### **AMY CHAVOYA SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR TORTURE AND MURDER**

On February 11, 2020, a Madera County jury found Amy Chavoya guilty of the torture and murder of her adoptive daughter, 12 year old Iahra O. and the torture of her 13 year old adoptive son.

Today, Chavoya was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Mitchell Rigby to 39 years to life in prison for these heinous crimes.

The District Attorney's Office extends their gratitude to the jurors who committed their time and attention in listening to this disturbing evidence during this 5 month trial. Additionally, the District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Madera County Sheriff's Office for their investigation in this case as well as the witness who came forward, provided assistance and testified at trial. Specifically, Sheriff's Commander Bill Ward provided invaluable support to Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Wise during this long trial.

While this jury trial was unusual in length and complexity, it could not have happened without Madera County citizens, court staff, and law enforcement working together in the spirit of cooperation and justice.