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### **Second Serial Shooter Sentenced to Life**

*Jury decided against a death sentence for Samuel Dieteman*

County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today that Samuel Dieteman (DOB 10/17/75) has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of First Degree Murder in the Serial Shooters crime spree. Codefendant Dale Hausner (DOB 2/4/73) has already received six death sentences and more than 364 years in prison after he was convicted of 80 charges.

On April 4, 2008 Dieteman pled guilty to two of the murders attributed to the Serial Shooters crime spree. He also pled to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Murder. As part of the agreement Dieteman agreed to testify against Hausner. The plea agreement did not take the death penalty off the table for Dieteman. It did call for life without parole if the jury ruled against the death penalty.

A jury was empanelled to decide if Dieteman should receive the death penalty. On July 29 2009 that jury reached its verdict. In addition to two life sentences, Dieteman was sentenced to 25 years for the conspiracy charge.

Hausner and Dieteman were arrested in August 2006 in connection with a series of shootings in the Valley that began in May 2005. The arrests were the result of an exhaustive investigation by Phoenix Police with the assistance of Valley law enforcement. Deputy County Attorneys Vince Imbordino and Laura Reckart prosecuted the case.

Thomas stated, "The sentencing of Sam Dieteman brings to a close a tragic and violent chapter in the Valley's history. I respect the jury's decision."

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