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Jury Convicts San Diego Man of First-Degree Murder and Sexual Assault

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie Dumanis](#) today announced a first-degree murder conviction in a high profile sexual assault case involving a defendant who had a history of drugging and assaulting young men.

Philong Huynh, 40, was convicted of murder and sexual assault for his role in murdering a 23-year-old Orange County man, Dane Williams, who was in San Diego for a retail sportswear conference in 2008. Williams was last seen leaving an event at a downtown venue with co-workers and friends.

“Today's verdict delivers a measure of justice to the victims in this case and their families,” DA Dumanis said. “The speed with which the jury reached its verdict speaks to the horrible nature of these crimes, the strength of the evidence against the defendant and the solid trial preparation and presentation by our prosecution team Gretchen Means and Dave Hendren.”

Williams' body was found in a City Heights alley three days later near Huynh's residence. He was wrapped in a blanket and his watch, wallet, and cell phone were missing. An autopsy revealed that Williams had alcohol and prescription drugs in his system.

The second victim, a Navy corpsman, was drugged and assaulted after a night of drinking and socializing with Huynh. DNA found in and on the Navy Corpsman matched the DNA found on Williams.

Huynh was arrested in September 2009 and charged with murder and a special-circumstance allegation of sodomy and oral copulation in connection with Williams' death and sexual assaults on both victims.

Huynh faces life in prison without the possibility of parole. He will be sentenced on August 12.

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