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RYAN CARROLL

On September 23, 2010, in Department One, the honorable Judge Bruce Watson held the defendant Ryan Carroll to answer for the charge of murder during the course of a robbery, arson, and grand theft auto at the preliminary hearing for the crimes committed on September 10, 2008, at a remote area near Garberville.

Shortly after the murder occurred, the defendant destroyed the victim's vehicle by an act of arson, in the hope of hiding evidence. The detectives traced the murder to a dog tag found on the victim's three legged dog, Rosa Barks. Ryan Carroll is a transient, from the state of Washington, where he was arrested for the murder of Reetpaul Rana.

The investigation was led by Humboldt County Sheriff's detectives, Cheryl Franco and Wayne Hanson. Arnie Klein was the deputy District Attorney who prosecuted this case for the People of California. The maximum sentence that the defendant is facing is a life term without possibility of parole. He is to be arraigned on October 8, 2010, on the above charges.