

Second trial scheduled in Tecumseh Prison murder

(KLZA)-- A second trial has been scheduled for an inmate charged in the deaths of two fellow prisoners at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institute in 2017.

33-year-old Eric Ramos has plead not guilty, and maintained during the first trial, that he was a victim of mistaken identity in the death of 31-year-old Michael Galindo. Galindo's cause of death has been listed as smoke inhalation, even though an autopsy determined he had been stabbed more than 130 times.

A riot in the prison started when prison officials found an intoxicated inmate, and then initiated cell searches for homemade “hooch” made by the prisoners.

Prosecutors believe at least four inmates may have been involved in the killing of Galindo, with Ramos being the only inmate charged.

The riot occurred in a maximum - security housing unit at the Tecumseh prison. An investigation found there was a high level of gang activity within the prison at the time of the riot.

Ramo's trial is scheduled to held November 13 to December 1, in Saline County Court.

The first trial was held in Johnson County where the prison is located. The judge at the first trial was Vicky Johnson who retired a year ago.

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