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LAST HURRAH FOR ATTORNEY TONY SERRA BEFORE FEDERAL PRISON

On May 4, 2006, attorney J. Tony Serra, leading a team comprised of himself, Shari Greenberger and Sara Zalkin, obtained acquittals of first and second degree murder for defendant Jason Cai in the San Jose Superior Court, the Honorable Diane Northway, presiding.

The jury hung 8-4 for acquittal on manslaughter. The District Attorney's office is deciding whether to retry the case.

After three years in custody, Mr. Cai was released on May 5th on \$100,000 bail.

Attorney Serra was ordered to report for prison on March 31, 2006, but United States District Court Judge Joseph Spero postponed the surrender date to allow Mr. Serra to complete the trial.

Mr. Serra's feeling about the acquittal is summed up as follows:

"It makes my heart feel good to know I'm substituting places with my client."

Jason Cai was dubbed the "Chinese Scott Peterson". The case involved the drowning of his recent bride in the family swimming pool in Cupertino. Law enforcement opined from the condition of her body that she was assaulted by Mr. Cai prior to his immersing her in the pool. The jury thought otherwise -- that it was an accidental drowning.