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Today: Mostly sunny
Winds at 10 to 15 mph

High 51°
Low 30°



Lakeside Chiefs
trump Abbeville
Christian
1D



Obama: 'Move
together or not
at all'

1B



Do it yourself
guide for Super
Bowl snacks

1C



Real people. Real news.

Geneva murder suspect pleads guilty

Contreras gets
25-year prison
term for murder

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A Geneva resident has
pleaded guilty to his role in
the kidnapping and shoot-

ing death of a
55-year-old
man last fall.

Geneva
County Dis-
trict Attor-
ney Kirke
Adams said

Jose Hernan-
dez Con-
treras, 27, pleaded guilty to a
reduced charge of murder



Jose
Contreras

after he originally faced a
capital murder charge. In-
vestigators charged both
Adams said Circuit Court
Judge P.B. McLauchlin sen-
tenced Contreras to a 25-
year prison term.

Geneva County Sheriff's
investigators arrested Con-
treras and 43-year-old Deann
Jane Dunham in September
2010. Dunham, of Samson,
has a capital murder charge

that remains pending
life in prison without parole
or the death penalty. We
accepted responsibility and
shooting Alvaro Anunez to
death.

Attorney David Harrison,
who represented Contreras,
said the plea agreement did
not require his client to tes-
tify against anyone else.

"Certainly 25 years is the
great when you're looking at
after the arrests that the

crime happened after the
three people had appar-
ently gone to a barbecue,
and had been drinking
alcohol much of the day.
Harrison said, "My client
admitted to taking part in
the kidnapping, and that he
was there during the
murder."

Sheriff Greg Ward told
the *Dothan Eagle* shortly

before being shot to death
with his own gun at a
drainage ditch.
Ward said deputies found
Anunez's body after Con-
treras apparently told some-
one about the murder.
Anunez's body was found
near a drainpipe just off
County Road 4, or what's
referred to as Gouthill Road.
He also said deputies recov-
ered the rifle used in the
slaying after they discov-
ered the duo had sold it to a
Florida resident for \$10.

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Guilty

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Ward said that according
to the defendant's state-
ment they apparently
worked out the disagree-
ment and had a few more
drinks.

Ward said evidence in the
case included how the vic-
tim was choked and placed
into the trunk of a car