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Man sentenced to life in prison for murder of 22-year-old Dallas woman out celebrating her birthday

A 51-year-old man has been sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a Dallas woman who he kidnapped while she was going out to celebrate her 22nd birthday.

Glen Richter pleaded guilty Thursday to the murder of Sara Hudson. He was originally charged with capital murder.

Hudson's family was in the courtroom Thursday and said they chose to accept the plea because it meant Richter would spend the rest of his life in prison. He must serve 30 years before he is eligible for parole.

"Justice was done today, and we've ensured our goal that he won't harm anyone in the future," said prosecutor Jason Fine.

Fine thanked Dallas police Det. Frank Serra for his diligent investigation.

Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot said he was pleased with the outcome.

"We will give 100% of our effort to bring justice to criminals like this who prey on the innocent people of our community," Creuzot said.

Hudson was kidnapped just before 5 p.m. Aug. 19, 2019, outside a bar near Greenville Avenue. Surveillance footage shows Hudson park her Chevrolet Tahoe and get out. While she's walking through the parking lot, Richter "bear-hugged" her from behind.

Richter forced Hudson to get back into the driver's seat of her SUV, while he sat in the backseat behind her. He made her drive to an ATM, take out \$700 cash and give it to him. He later sexually assaulted her, shot her twice and then set her vehicle on fire.

The burning SUV was found around 7:25 p.m. in the 5600 block of Alta Avenue, just around the corner from where Hudson was kidnapped. Her body was found in the back of her SUV.

Fingerprints taken from Hudson's Tahoe matched Richter. Investigators also found two guns, ammunition, lighter fluid and a lighter in Richter's vehicle. Richter's Crocs also had Hudson's blood on them, according to investigative records.