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**For Immediate Release: Alleged Serial Killer Billy Chemirmir Sentenced to Life in Prison for Capital Murder of Lu Thi Harris**

(DALLAS) - After four days of testimony, a Dallas County jury has convicted 49-year-old Billy Chemirmir of capital murder in the 2018 smothering death of Lu Thi Harris. He received an automatic sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. The jury deliberated for just 45 minutes.

"This is an easy decision," Lead Prosecutor Glen Fitzmartin told the jury in his closing argument. "This is a just verdict. It is loud, it is proud, and it is of no surprise to Billy Chemirmir. It's what he deserves."

This was the second trial for Mr. Chemirmir, who is charged with killing 18 older women, 13 of them in Dallas County, over a two-year span. The first jury that heard the case against him in connection to the murder of Lu Thi Harris deadlocked in November 2021.

Lead Prosecutor Glen Fitzmartin promised to re-try the case and did so this time receiving a guilty verdict. Alongside Fitzmartin was Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot who picked the jury for the retrial.

"We are pleased with this verdict. It is a just verdict and one the families of Lu Thi Harris, Mary Bartel, Mary Brooks, and others have been waiting for," said Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office thanks the family of Lu Thi Harris, Mary Bartel, and Mary Brooks, as well as the families of all of Mr. Chemirmir's other alleged victims for putting their faith in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the judicial system to get them the semblance of justice they so want and deserve.

A special thank you also to the trial team of Dimitri Anagnostis, Jaclyn O'Connor, Investigator Jimmy Ivy, all support staff, witnesses, experts, and investigators who have stayed committed to seeing this case through for a second time.

Finally, we are thankful to the jury for their time, commitment to the law, and the thoughtfulness they put into considering this unanimous and just verdict.