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For Immediate Release: Zephaniah Trevino Pleads Guilty to Murder, Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison

(DALLAS) – Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot is satisfied to announce his office has secured a 12-year sentence for Zephaniah Trevino, for the murder of Carlos Murillo and the aggravated robbery of Cristian Lobo.

“I am thankful to my team and proud of them for staying the course. They were never distracted by the media attention or public outcries trying to shift the narrative of this case, and continued, in accordance with the law, to follow the facts and evidence to see that justice was done,” Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot said.

On August 3, 2019, Carlos Murillo and Cristian Lobo were lured to an apartment on Northeast Fifth Street in Grand Prairie where the two men were beaten with guns and robbed of their belongings. Mr. Murillo was ultimately shot by Phillip Baldenegro and later died. Baldenegro and Jesse Martinez were arrested hours after the crime. Trevino was arrested 26 days after the offense.

“There were only ever two victims in this case – Carlos Murillo and Cristian Lobo. My thoughts are with their families, and I pray this helps them continue to heal,” DA Creuzot added.

Trevino pled guilty and received a sentence of 12 years in prison for murder and five years in prison for aggravated robbery. The sentences were ordered to be served concurrently. Baldenegro and Martinez currently await trial on Capital Murder charges.

Thank you to our partners at the Grand Prairie Police Department throughout this investigation.