

Case No. CR-3963-19-H (COUNT ONE) AT  
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**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
V.  
VICTOR ALEJANDRO  
GODINEZ, DEFENDANT  
SID: TX-35281793**

**IN 389TH DISTRICT COURT**  
OF  
**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**  
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District Courts, Hidalgo County  
By *[Signature]* Deputy #20

**JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION BY JURY &  
DEATH SENTENCE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION  
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

DATE OF JUDGMENT: *January 31, 2024*  
JUDGE PRESIDING: LETTY LOPEZ  
COURT REPORTER: DIANA PEREIRA  
ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE: JOSEPH L. ORENDAIN, ROXANNA SALINAS, AND VANCE GONZALES  
ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT: OSCAR RENE FLORES AND JAIME ALEMAN  
OFFENSE CODE: 09990020  
OFFENSE: CAPITAL MURDER , AS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT  
DATE OF OFFENSE: APRIL 06, 2019  
DEGREE OF OFFENSE: CAPITAL FELONY  
STATUTE FOR OFFENSE: 19.03 PC  
APPLICABLE PUNISHMENT RANGE: CAPITAL FELONY: LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE/DEATH  
(Including enhancements if any):  
CHARGING INSTRUMENT: INDICTMENT  
PLEA TO OFFENSE: NOT GUILTY  
JURY VERDICT FOR OFFENSE: GUILTY  
PUNISHMENT IMPOSED BY COURT: DEATH  
PLACE OF IMPRISONMENT INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
FINE: NONE  
RESTITUTION: NONE  
CREDIT FOR TIME SPENT IN JAIL: 1,760 DAYS  
DISMISS: NONE  
CONSIDER: NONE  
PLEA TO ENHANCEMENT NONE  
PARAGRAPH(S):  
FINDING TO ENHANCEMENT: NONE  
FINDING ON DEADLY WEAPON: NONE  
COURT COSTS: NONE  
DATE SENTENCE IMPOSED: JANUARY 31, 2024

On **SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**, the above numbered and entitled cause was regularly reached and called for trial, and the State appeared by **JOSEPH L. ORENDAIN, ROXANNA SALINAS, AND VANCE GONZALES**, and the Defendant and the Defendant's attorney, **OSCAR RENE FLORES AND JAIME ALEMAN** were also present. Thereupon both sides announced ready for trial, and the Defendant pleaded **NOT GUILTY** to the offense charged in the indictment or information. A Jury was duly selected, impaneled and sworn. Having heard the evidence submitted and having been duly charged by the Court, the Jury retired to consider their verdict. Afterward, on **JANUARY 23, 2024**, being brought into open court by the proper officer, the Defendant, the Defendant's Attorney and the State's Attorney being present, and being asked if the Jury had agreed upon a verdict, the Jury answered it had and returned to the Court a verdict, which was read aloud, received by the Court, and is now entered upon the minutes of the Court as follows:

**We, the Jury, find the Defendant, VICTOR ALEJANDRO GODINEZ, Guilty of the offense of CAPITAL MURDER as charged in the indictment.**

Thereupon, the Defendant having previously elected to have the punishment assessed by the Jury, pleaded to the enhancement paragraphs, if any, as stated above, and the jury was called back into the box and heard evidence related to the question of punishment. Thereafter, the jury retired to consider such question and, after having deliberated, the jury was brought back into open court by the proper officer, the Defendant, the Defendant's attorney, and the State's attorney being present, and being asked if the jury had agreed upon a verdict, the jury answered it had and returned to the Court a verdict, which was read aloud, received by the Court, and is now entered upon the Minutes of the Court as follows:

**SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 1, with forms for answers, is as follows:**

Do you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that there is a probability that the Defendant, **VICTOR ALEJANDRO GODINEZ**, would commit criminal acts of violence that would constitute a continuing threat to society?

Answer: We, the Jury, unanimously find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the answer to Special Issue Number 1 is "Yes."

**/S/DOMINGO VENTO**  
**Presiding Juror**

**SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 2, with forms for answers, is as follows:**

Taking into consideration all of the evidence, including the circumstances of the offense, the Defendant's character and background, and the personal moral culpability of the Defendant, do you find that there is a sufficient mitigating circumstance or circumstances to warrant that a sentence of life imprisonment without parole rather than a death sentence be imposed.

Answer: We, the Jury, unanimously find that the answer to Special Issue Number 2 is "No."

/S/DOMINGO VENTO  
Presiding Juror

**We, the Jury, return in open Court the above answers to Special Issues submitted to us and the same is our verdict in this case.**

/S/DOMINGO VENTO  
Presiding Juror

A pre-sentence investigation report **WAS NOT DONE** according to Article 42.12, Sec. 9, CCP.

Was the victim impact statement returned to the attorney representing the State?  
YES.

Thereupon, the State having elected to seek the death penalty as allowed under Article 37.071 Section 1 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the Court then asked the Defendant whether the Defendant had anything to say why the sentence should not be pronounced upon Defendant, and the Defendant having answered nothing in bar thereof, the Court proceeded to pronounce sentence upon Defendant.

It is therefore **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court **JANUARY 31, 2024** that the Defendant is guilty of the offense of **CAPITAL MURDER**, committed on **APRIL 6, 2019**; that the punishment is fixed at **DEATH** in the **INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**, and a Fine of **NONE**; and that the State of Texas do have and recover of the Defendant all court costs in this prosecution expended, for which execution will issue.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Court that the Defendant be taken by the authorized agent of the State of Texas or by the Sheriff of Hidalgo County, Texas, and be safely conveyed and delivered to the Director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, there to be confined in the manner and for the period aforesaid, and the Defendant is hereby remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Hidalgo County, Texas, until such time as the Sheriff can obey the directions of this sentence.

**Furthermore, the following special findings or orders apply:**

The Court, upon the State's motion, **DISMISSED** the following count, case or complaint: **NONE**.

The Court, upon the Defendant's request and the State's consent, **CONSIDERED** as an admitted unadjudicated offense the following count, case or complaint: **NONE**.

The Court finds that the sentence imposed or suspended shall run concurrent unless otherwise specified.

The Court finds that the Defendant shall be credited with **1,760 DAYS** on his sentence for time spent in jail in this cause.

The Court finds the Defendant owes **NONE** for the Fine, **NONE** in restitution, **NONE** in court costs. The Defendant shall make restitution, if any, within five (5) years after the end of the term of imprisonment imposed.

**District Clerk's Office Shall notify INSTANTER the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department to recall any Warrant/Capias/ NISI and that the Judgment Nisi, if any, be DISMISSED in the above entitled and numbered cause, if no other disposition has been entered therein.**

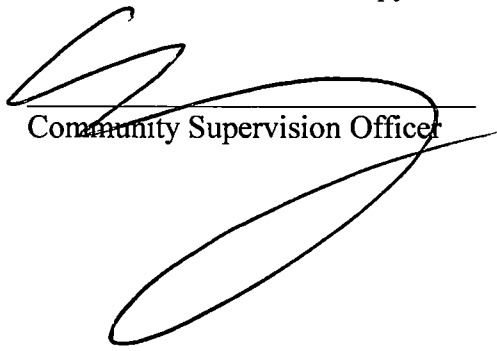
Signed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Judge Presiding

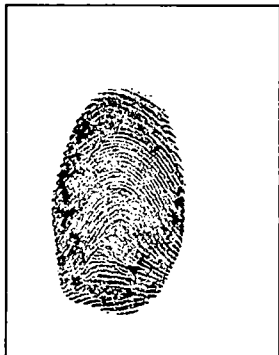
*Leticia Lopez*

Receipt is hereby acknowledged on the date shown above of one copy of this Judgment & Sentence.

  
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