

CAUSE NO. 2024-DCR-3192

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
VS.	§	138 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA	§	
A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ	§	CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

CHARGE OF THE COURT ON PUNISHMENT

MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

You have found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the following offenses, to wit:

Count I: Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, alleged to have been committed in Cameron County, Texas, on or about the 2nd day of November, 2020.

Count II: Capital Murder, alleged to have been committed in Cameron County, Texas, on or about the 2nd day of November, 2020.

Count III: Burglary of a Habitation, alleged to have been committed in Cameron County, Texas, on or about the 2nd day of November, 2020.

Count IV: Conspiracy to Commit Capital Murder, alleged to have been committed in Cameron County, Texas, on or about the 2nd day of November, 2020.

It now becomes your duty to determine the punishment to be assessed against the Defendant.

I.
Applicable Law

Count I: Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity

You are instructed that the punishment range for the offense of engaging in organized criminal activity is life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In addition to imprisonment, the jury may assess a fine in any amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Count II: Capital Murder

You are instructed that a sentence of life imprisonment without parole in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is mandatory upon conviction for capital murder. There is no fine to be assessed.

Count III: Burglary of a Habitation

You are instructed that the punishment range for the offense of burglary of a habitation is life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In addition to imprisonment, the jury may assess a fine in any amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Count IV: Conspiracy to Commit Capital Murder

You are instructed that the punishment range for the offense conspiracy to commit capital murder is life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In addition to imprisonment, the jury may assess a fine in any amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

II.

Probation (Counts III and IV)

In this case, the Defendant has never before been convicted of a felony and has requested that the imposition of any sentence imposed be suspended and that she be placed on community supervision.

“Community Supervision” means the placement of a defendant by a court under a continuum of programs and sanctions, with conditions imposed by the court for a specified period during which a sentence of imprisonment, fine, or imprisonment and fine, is probated and the imposition of the sentence is suspended in whole or in part.

“Supervision Officer” means a person appointed or employed to supervise defendants placed on community supervision.

If you find that the Defendant has not ever been convicted of a felony, and if you assess the punishment of the Defendant at confinement for a term of not more than 10 years, and if you recommend that she be placed on community supervision, then let your verdict show the punishment which you assess, and show that the Defendant has never before been convicted of a felony, and further show that you recommend that her sentence be suspended and that she be placed on community supervision.

Whether you do or do not recommend community supervision for the Defendant is a matter that rests within the sound discretion of the jury; however, if you do recommend community supervision, the Court is required by law to follow the jury’s recommendation.

If you recommend that the Defendant be placed upon community supervision, the Court shall determine the conditions of community supervision and may, at any time, during the period of community supervision, alter or modify the conditions. The Court may impose any reasonable condition that is designed to protect or restore the community, protect or restore the victim, or punish, rehabilitate, or reform the Defendant. You may NOT recommend that part of the period of confinement be served by incarceration and part by community supervision.

Should the punishment assessed by you include a fine, a recommendation of community supervision should state whether or not the fine will be paid, or be suspended and probated.

III.

Parole (Counts I, III, and IV)

Under the law applicable in this case, the Defendant, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, may earn time off the sentence imposed through the award of good conduct time. Prison authorities may award good conduct time to a prisoner who exhibits good behavior, diligence in carrying out prison work assignments, and attempts at rehabilitation. If a prisoner engages in misconduct, prison authorities may also take away all or part of any good conduct time earned by the prisoner.

It is also possible that the length of time for which the Defendant will be imprisoned might be reduced by the award of parole.

Applicable to Counts I and IV of this case, if the Defendant is sentenced to a term of imprisonment, she will not become eligible for parole until the actual time served plus any good time earned equals one-fourth of the sentence imposed, or 15 years, whichever is less, without the consideration of any good conduct time she may earn.

Applicable to Count III of this case, if the Defendant is sentenced to a term of imprisonment, she will not become eligible for parole until the actual time served plus any good time earned equals one-half of the sentence imposed, or 30 years, whichever is less, without the consideration of any good conduct time she may earn.

Eligibility for parole does not guarantee that parole will be granted.

It cannot be accurately predicted how the parole law and good conduct time might be applied to this Defendant if she is sentenced to a term of imprisonment because the application of these laws will depend on decisions made by prison and parole authorities.

You may consider the existence of the parole law and good conduct time. However, you are not to consider the extent to which good conduct time may be awarded to or forfeited by this particular Defendant. You are not to consider the manner in which the parole law may be applied to this particular Defendant. Such matters come within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Pardon and Parole Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Governor of Texas.

IV.

You may consider evidence of an extraneous crime or bad act in assessing punishment even if the defendant has not yet been charged with or finally convicted of the crime or act. However, you may consider such evidence only if the extraneous crime or bad act has been proven by the State beyond a reasonable doubt to have been committed by the defendant.

Therefore, if you find and believe beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed an extraneous crime or bad act, then you may consider such evidence in assessing the defendant's

punishment. However, if you have a reasonable doubt as to whether the defendant committed an extraneous crime or bad act, then you may not consider such evidence in assessing the defendant's punishment.

V.

In a criminal case the law permits a defendant to testify on her own behalf. However, the same law provides that the fact that a defendant has not testified shall not be considered as a circumstance against her. You will, therefore, not consider the fact that the defendant has not testified as a circumstance against her. You will not, in your retirement to consider your verdict, allude to, comment on, or in any manner refer to the fact that the defendant has not testified.

VI.

Your verdict must be by a unanimous vote of all members of the jury. In arriving at your verdict, it will not be proper to fix the same by lot, chance, or any other method than by a full, fair and free exercise of the opinion of the individual jurors under the evidence admitted before you.

You are the exclusive judges of the facts proved, of the credibility of the witnesses and of the weight to be given to their testimony, but you are bound to receive the law from the Court given to you in these instructions.

No one has any authority to communicate with you except the officer who has you in charge. During your deliberations in this case, you must not consider, discuss, nor relate any matter not in evidence before you. You should not consider nor mention any personal knowledge or information you may have about any fact or person connected with this case which is not shown by the evidence. After you have reached a unanimous verdict, the Presiding Juror will certify thereto by using the appropriate form attached to this charge and signing the same as Presiding Juror.

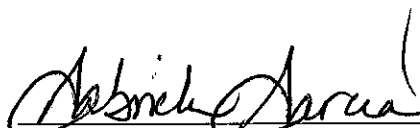
It is your duty to consult with one another and to deliberate in an effort to reach an agreement on the punishment if you can do so. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but only after an impartial consideration of the evidence with your fellow jurors. During your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own opinions and change your mind if convinced that you were wrong. But do not give up your honest beliefs as to the weight or effect of the evidence solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors, or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

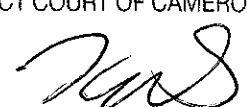
Following the argument of counsel, you will retire to deliberate your verdict.

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HON. GABRIELA GARCIA
JUDGE PRESIDING

By  Deputy
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COUNT 1: ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (INCARCERATION)

In addition, we, the jury, assess a fine of \$ NONE (answer in dollars and cents, not exceeding \$10,000, or "None.")

Bryan J. Wren
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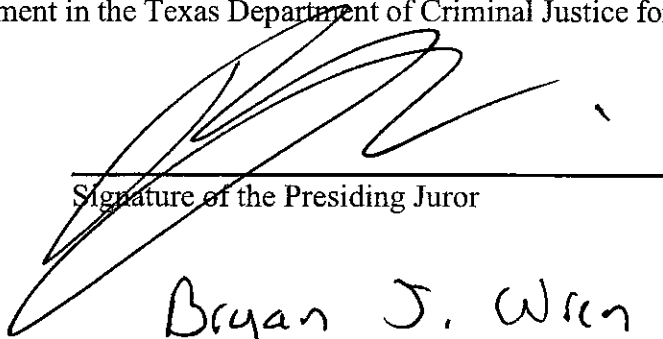
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VERDICT

COUNT 2: CAPITAL MURDER (INCARCERATION)

We, the jury, having found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the offense of capital murder, as charged in the indictment, assess her punishment at confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life without parole.



Signature of the Presiding Juror

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COUNT 3: BURGLARY OF A HABITATION (COMMUNITY SUPERVISION)

We, the jury, having found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the offense of burglary of a habitation, as charged in the indictment, assess her punishment at confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for _____ years, and we, the jury, having assessed the punishment of the Defendant at not more than 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and having further found that she has never before been convicted of a felony, WE DO RECOMMEND that the imposition of her sentence be suspended and she be placed on community supervision.

In addition, we, the jury, assess a fine of \$_____ (answer in dollars and cents, not exceeding \$10,000, or "None.") If a fine is assessed, answer the following by checking the appropriate blank:

WE RECOMMEND;

_____ (A) that the Defendant be required, as a condition of community supervision, to pay the fine assessed.

_____ (B) that payment of the fine be suspended.

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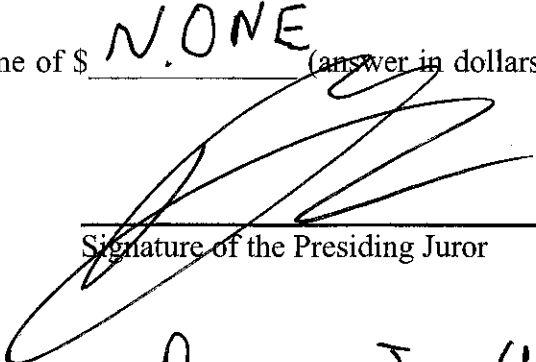
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COUNT 3: BURGLARY OF A HABITATION (INCARCERATION)

We, the jury, having found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the offense of burglary of a habitation, as charged in the indictment, assess her punishment at confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 7 years (life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years).

In addition, we, the jury, assess a fine of \$ NONE (answer in dollars and cents, not exceeding \$10,000, or "None.")



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We, the jury, having found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the offense of conspiracy to commit capital murder, as charged in the indictment, assess her punishment at confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for _____ years, and we, the jury, having assessed the punishment of the Defendant at not more than 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and having further found that she has never before been convicted of a felony, WE DO RECOMMEND that the imposition of her sentence be suspended and she be placed on community supervision.

In addition, we, the jury, assess a fine of \$_____ (answer in dollars and cents, not exceeding \$10,000, or "None.") If a fine is assessed, answer the following by checking the appropriate blank:

_____ (A) that the Defendant be required, as a condition of community supervision, to pay the fine assessed.

_____ (B) that payment of the fine be suspended.

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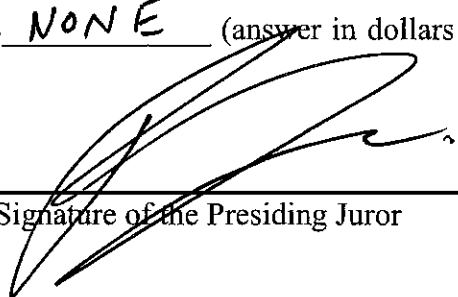
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COUNT 4: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CAPITAL MURDER (INCARCERATION)

We, the jury, having found the Defendant, **CYNTHIA MARGARITA OLVERA A/K/A CYNTHIA OLVERA RODRIGUEZ**, guilty of the offense of conspiracy to commit capital murder, as charged in the indictment, assess her punishment at confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 30 years (life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years).

In addition, we, the jury, assess a fine of \$ NONE (answer in dollars and cents, not exceeding \$10,000, or "None.")



Signature of the Presiding Juror

Bryan J. Wren
Printed Name of the Presiding Juror