CAUSE NO. 07-CR-0721-G

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
VS	§	CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
MANUEL VELEZ TRN 010 395 5097	§	404TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDGMENT OF JURY VERDICT OF GUILTY; PUNISHMENT FIXED BY JURY-NO PROBATION GRANTED; SENTENCE TO INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION (DEATH SENTENCE)

Judge Presiding: Abel (C. Limas	Date of Judgment: NOV 1 8 2008	
State's		Defendant's	
Attorney: Luis Saenz		Attorney: Hector Villarreal	
Offense Convicted			
of: Capital Murder		Date of Conviction: 10-24-08	
Degree of Offense: First Degree Felony		Date Offense Committed: 10-31-05	
Charging Instrument: Indictment			
Plea: Not Guilty			
Jury Verdict: Found Guilty of Capital Murder			
Plea to Enhancement Paragraphs: N/A		Enhancement Paragraph: N/A	
Findings on Use of Deadly Weapon: N/A			
Punishment assessed by: Jury			
Date Sentence Imposed:	10-24-08	Costs: See Bill of Costs (Exhibit B)	
Punishment and		Date to	
Place of Confinement:	DEATH	Commence: 10-24-08	
Time Credited:	1,090 days		
Total Amount of Restitution/Preparation: N/A			

Restitution To Be Paid To:

Name: Address:

This sentence is to run concurrent with: N/A

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 24th day of September, 2008, this cause was called

to trial and the State appeared by the attorney stated above, and the Defendant Manuel Velez.

his counsel by appointment, the Hon. Hector Villarreal, also being present, and the Defendant,

having been duly arraigned, pleaded Not Guilty and both parties announced ready for trial;

general voir dire was conducted by the court and the jury panel qualified, thereafter, the

individual voir dire was conducted and a jury of good and lawful persons, was selected from the

period of September 29, 2008, through October 14, 2008, including two alternate jurors,

whereupon, said cause was recessed until October 16, 2008.

THEREAFTER, on October 16, 2008, a jury, to wit: Jason Andrew Shroyer and thirteen

others, including two alternate jurors, having been duly selected was empaneled and sworn

according to the law and charged by the Court on separation; the indictment was read to the jury

and the Defendant entered his plea of Not Guilty thereto whereupon the State presented

testimony and introduced evidence and said cause was recessed until October 17, 2008. The

trial continued from October 20 - 22, 2008; Defendant made oral motion for directed verdict.

Defendant's motion for directed verdict denied. All parties closed, whereupon the charge was

prepared and submitted to all counsel.

THEREAFTER, the Court charged the jury as to the law applicable to said cause and

argument of counsel for the State and the Defendant was duly heard and concluded, whereupon

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alternate jurors Jose Cavazos and Alfredo Hinojosa were excused from further jury service. The

jury retired in charge of the proper officer to consider their verdict and afterward was brought

into open court by the proper officer, the Defendant and his counsel being present, and in due

form of law returned into open court the following verdict, which was received by the Court and

is here now entered upon the Minutes of the Court, to wit:

"We, the Jury, find the Defendant, MANUEL VELEZ, "Guilty" of Capital Murder

as charged in the indictment.

/s/ Jason Andrew Shroyer
Presiding Juror"

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the

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Defendant, Manuel Velez, is guilty of the offense of CAPITAL MURDER, as found by the

jury, and that said offense was committed on October 31, 2005. Thereafter, the Court excused

the jury until October 24, 2008.

THEREAFTER, on October 24, 2008, the same jury was duly empaneled to assess

Defendant's punishment in said cause. The evidence submitted for the State was heard,

whereupon the State rested. Defendant made oral motion for directed verdict. Said motion was

Defense presented evidence; whereupon Defense rested. State offered rebuttal denied.

testimony. Both sides closed. At the conclusion of such evidence, the Court charged the jury

with additional instructions as to the law applicable to punishment of said cause and arguments

of State and Defendant were duly heard and concluded. Thereafter the jury retired in charge of

the proper officer to consider their verdict and thereafter returned into open court, accompanied

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by the proper officer, the State and the Defendant and his counsel being present, and in due form of law, the Court read the answers to the issues submitted, as follows:

SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 1

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

In your verdict, you will answer "Yes" or "No".

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

<u>Jason Andrew Shroyer</u> Presiding Juror"

SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 2

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?

In your verdict, you will answer "Yes" or "No".

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

Jason Andrew Shroyer Presiding Juror"

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

<u>Jason Andrew Shroyer</u> Presiding Juror" IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Court that the

Defendant, Manuel Velez is guilty of the offense of CAPITAL MURDER as found by the jury,

and that he be punished, in accordance with the Special Issues answered by the Jury, and

sentenced to DEATH and the State of Texas do have and recover of and from said Defendant all

costs in this prosecution, for which execution may issue.

IT IS THE ORDER of the Court, that the Defendant, Manuel Velez, who has been

adjudged guilty of Capital Murder by the jury and whose punishment has been assessed by the

jury and sentenced to DEATH, be delivered by the Sheriff of Cameron County, Texas,

immediately to the Director of Corrections of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

Institutional Division, or other person legally authorized to receive such convicts, and the said

Manuel Velez shall be confined in said Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional

Division, Division until said death sentence can be carried out, in accordance with the provisions

of the law governing the penitentiaries and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

Institutional Division. The Defendant is hereby remanded to the custody of the Sheriff, until

such time as the Sheriff can obey the directions of this sentence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that Defendant's left or right thumb be

fingerprinted, and that said thumbprint be marked as Exhibit "A" and is made a part hereof for all

purposes.

Said Defendant is given credit on this sentence for 1,090 days on account of the time

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spent in jail.

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DISTRIOT COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

Cesar Rodriguez

CAUSE NO .: 07 - 02 - 0721-6 THE STATE OF TEXAS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF VS. CAMERON COUNTY, MANUEL VELEZ 404th JUDICIAL DISTRICT **DEFENDANT'S THUMBPRINT** The following is the thumbprint of: MANCEL VECE 2 defendant in this cause, 07-92-0721-6 in this court: Defendant's Initials) Taken on this 24th day of 0c7. , 2008 by: (Signature) Alfred Petrarca III Title of person authorized

EXHIBIT "A"

Judgment signed for entry herein the _

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