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RE: State of Texas v. Gilberto Garza Jr. – D.O.B. 11/10/1967

Brownsville Man indicted on Murder charges

Brownsville, Texas – August 25, 2010 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County, announces today that Gilberto Garza Jr., 42, of Brownsville, Texas, was indicted by a grand jury for the murder of Ruth Ramirez Salcedo, a friend of the defendant's estranged wife.

According to the Brownsville Police Department, on July 12, 2010, Salcedo was found brutally stabbed to death at 28 E. Cowan Terrace.

According to investigations, the defendant Gilbert Garza Jr. and his estranged wife, Sulia Garza, 39, were arguing at her home. It is alleged that Gilbert Garza Jr. forced Salcedo into the home and murdered her after intervening to help Sulia Garza who was being attacked by her husband.

According to court documents, Sulia Garza had filed through her divorce a temporary restraining order on May 11, 2010, against her estranged husband.

Gilberto Garza Jr. was arrested in connection with the homicide on July 13, 2010. He had fled from the scene of the crime but returned the following day where he was arrested by the Brownsville Police Department.

If convicted, Garza faces up to life in prison. He is currently detained with a \$1 million dollar bond at Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center in Olmito, Texas.

For more information, contact the Cameron County and District Attorney's Office at (956) 544-0849.

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