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RE: State of Texas v. Israel Avila – D.O.B. 06/06/1992
Cause No.: 10-CR-0008-E

Avila sentenced to 40 years in prison for murder

Brownsville, Texas – April 29, 2011 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County, announces today that Israel Avila, 18, of Brownsville, Texas, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 40 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division.

Avila appeared in the 357th Judicial District Court where Executive First Assistant County and District Attorney Samuel B. Smith and Assistant County and District Attorney Ismael Hinojosa presented arguments and exhibits on Avila's plea of guilty to murder.

After finding Avila guilty and hearing the arguments of attorneys, Judge Leonel Alejandro sentenced Avila to 40 years in prison for murdering 1-month-old Marcos Avila. Baby Avila was Israel's infant son.

On September 28, 2009, Avila was charged with murdering 1-month-old Marcos Avila by causing blunt force trauma to the head.

Investigations revealed that baby Avila had several fractures to the head, blood in the brain, two broken ribs, and a broken left clavicle bone.

Defendant Israel Avila was indicted on January 13, 2010, and has been incarcerated with a \$1 million dollar bond in Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

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