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**PRESS RELEASE:**

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*Life Sentence Recommended in Shooting of Officer*

Charles Garrett entered a plea of guilty to the first degree felony offense of Aggravated Assault on a public servant, with the affirmative finding of use of a deadly weapon, enhanced to repeater status by a prior juvenile conviction. The range of punishment on the indictment is 15 to 99 years or a Life sentence and a possible fine not to exceed \$10,000. The affirmative finding means the Defendant would not be eligible for parole until having actually served 50% of the sentence imposed, without consideration of good conduct time, or thirty calendar years whichever is less.

The State is recommending a Life sentence. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 21, 2000 at 2:30 pm, in the 175<sup>th</sup> District Court, Judge Mary Roman presiding.

The offense arose out of the January 31, 2000, shooting of Officer Edward Vargas while he was serving an arrest warrant for the Defendant. Contacted by the District Attorney's Office prior to the Defendant's plea, the officer was in agreement with the plea recommendation.

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