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ANTHONY JOHN TORRES PLEADS TO CAPITAL MURDER

Today in the 226th District Court, Judge Sid Harle presiding, Anthony John Torres entered a plea of guilty to the offense of capital murder in relation to the death of John Leon Torres. The deceased was the son of the defendant and age three years, 11 months old at the time of his death on March 28, 1995. The forty three year old defendant will not be eligible for consideration for parole until he is 78 years old.

The mother of the deceased child was consulted prior to the entry of the plea and was in agreement.

In March of 2000, the Court of Appeals entered a mandate clearing the way for trial. This cause was appealed in 1996 on the allegation of a "tardy indictment". The defendant's arguments were finally rejected and the cause was allowed to proceed to trial.

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