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RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, MURDER CASE SET FOR TRIAL

On Monday, April 3, 2017, a Victoria County jury convicted **RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ**, of Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon. The jury found that his Ford F-350 pickup was in its manner of use that deadly weapon as evidenced by the serious bodily injuries inflicted on Yvonne Kay Calhoun and the death of her daughter Paris Sophia Lorraine Calhoun. The jury heard that Yvonne and her husband, Harold "Hal" Calhoun, both worked at Denny's as a waitress and a cook, respectively. Unable to afford a baby-sitter, Sophia had accompanied her parents during their late-night shift. At the end of her shift, Yvonne was attempting to stop at Wal-Mart to buy food for their Sunday supper. As Yvonne slowed to enter the turn-in at Teakwood and the Houston Highway, her Expedition was rear-ended by **RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ**.

Officer Brandon Allen testified that there were no signs of braking only the gouges and marks from the crumpled frame, broken axel and blown tire of the Expedition. Cpl. Caesar Villarreal of the DPS testified that his analysis of the F-350's Air Bag Control Module showed an impact speed of 89 mph without braking or any swerving to avoid collision. A surveillance video from the Wal-Mart showed the Expedition cart-wheeling and spinning through the air and landing between the exits to the Two-Step night club. A blood sample taken about four hours after the collision was tested, showing an alcohol concentration of 0.101.

The jury found **RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ** guilty within 90 minutes and later sentenced him to 15 years in prison and a \$7,500 fine, the maximum sentence for this offense is 20 years and a \$10,000 fine. The case involving the murder of Paris Sophia Lorraine Calhoun by **RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ** is set for trial on August 23, 2017. It should be noted that at a previous trial setting **RODOLFO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ** fled the country to Mexico where the U.S. Marshal service apprehended him at the border when he crossed to see his wife April. The defendant is currently serving a 5 year sentence for that Bond-Jumping and Failure to Appear.

Steve Tyler, as the lead prosecutor in this case, argued: “anytime a person operates a motor vehicle at 40 mph above the posted speed limit, while intoxicated and crushing an Expedition down to the size of a compact car, and where responding officers have to inform the driver he has been in a collision; that person is criminally reckless and knowingly endangered others. What beer or booze taste so good that you would ignore the risk to others and is worth the life of a child?”

