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**PRESS RELEASE**

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***DNA match solves a 1994 Capital Murder.***

**San Antonio, Texas:** Ramon Hernandez, age 29, who has already been indicted for capital murder in the kidnaping, robbery, sexual assault and murder by asphyxiation of Rosa Rosado, and is awaiting trial in January 2002, has now also been charged in the 1994 capital murders of 13 year old cousins Sarah Gonzales and Priscilla Almares who were abducted and sexually assaulted on the night of Friday, December 16, 1994. The young girls' bodies were found the next day. Both girls had been strangled to death.

Today, District Attorney Susan Reed announced at a joint press conference held with members of the San Antonio Police Department and the Bexar County Forensic Science Center, that charges of capital murder have been accepted by the District Attorney's Office for prosecution of Hernandez on the basis of a recent discovery of a DNA match solving a 1994 murder.

Utilizing the DNA Index System of the Bexar County Crime Laboratory, forensic scientist Gustavo de Leon, under the supervision of the DNA Technical Leader Garon Foster and Supervising Forensic Scientist Lonnie Ginsberg, has determined that DNA recovered from Priscilla Almarez, at autopsy, is a match with the genetic profile of Ramon Hernandez. Hernandez' blood sample had been obtained in the investigation of the murder of Rosa Rosado.

Also charged with Hernandez in the capital murder of Rosado are Santos Minjares and Asel Abdygapparova. Rosado was abducted from a San Antonio street on March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, and her body was not recovered until April 6, when it was unearthed from a shallow grave near UTSA.