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Daniel Lopez, age 51, was found Guilty of Murder by a jury this week in the 83rd District Court of Val Verde County, Texas, and then sentenced to 65 years in prison by the same jury.

This case could have been an unsolved murder of a body found on Las Brisas Blvd. if not for the tireless investigation, expertise, organization, and preparation of former VVCSO Investigator Shaun Davis, who is now a Deputy US Marshal. The work done on this case is the epitome of law enforcement working together and doing all that they possibly can to keep our community and families safe.

The District Attorney's Office is grateful that the jury carefully considered over one hundred pieces of evidence and testimony from more than 15 witnesses—including complicated expert testimony--and reached a verdict in this case. We sincerely thank the jury for their attention and participation.

While no outcome can undo the tragedy that brought us to this trial, it is our sincere hope that the verdict provides some measure of justice and closure for the family, friends, and loved ones of Jose Burgi and the community at large.

This case represents the hard work of our law enforcement partners, and we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to these agencies—efforts led by the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office and including Del Rio Police Department, Webb County Medical Examiner's Office, DEA, ATF, DPS Rangers, Crime Lab, and Dive Team, FBI, and the United States Marshals Service.

DA Suzanne West led the prosecution team, and thanks her staff for assistance in preparation and presentation in the courtroom. Sincere appreciation to DA Investigators Duane Maldonado and Michelle Salinas and especially to Assistant DA Daniel Esquivel. Finally, thank you to all the non-law enforcement witnesses who appeared in court to testify.