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District Attorney Announces Jury Returns Verdict in Murder Trial

December 5, 2018 TULSA, OK– This afternoon a jury in Tulsa County District Court returned verdicts in the murder trial of Defendant Tracy Price in case CF-2017-5195.

Defendant Price was charged with one count of Kidnapping and one count of Murder. In September 2017 the deceased body of Anthony Pietrzak was found hogtied under some debris in a wooded area in north Tulsa. During the trial, the medical examiner testified that Mr. Pietrzak had died from hours-long self-strangulation as a result of the hog tie. The mechanism of death was determined to be two separate ties: one roped his hands and feet together behind his back while another ligature was wrapped around his neck and tied to his feet, also behind his back. Testimony also included information that a pillowcase had been over the victim's head. Following a four-day trial and approximately two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a Guilty verdict on one count of Kidnapping and a Guilty verdict on one count of Felony Murder in the First Degree. On the Kidnapping count, the jury recommended a sentence of 30 years in prison. On the Murder count, the jury recommended a sentence of Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole.

“The tortuous death of this victim was gruesome,“ said Prosecutor Julie Doss. “The body of Mr. Pietrzak was not found until six days after his death, by which time his body had decomposed considerably. Still, medical personnel were able to determine that Mr. Pietrzak suffered a great deal prior to his eventual death. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Price will never see the light of day again. I am grateful to the jury for their careful consideration of this case.”

DA Kunzweiler stated, “I appreciate the strong efforts of my prosecution team who took a difficult case and worked it exhaustively to achieve justice for Mr. Pietrzak and his family.”