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For Immediate Release: Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder

(Dallas, Texas) – A 20-year-old man has been found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for his role in the death of an innocent bystander who was killed during a robbery on April 11, 2017.

Tradareon Choice is the first of three men charged in the shooting death of 37-year old Juan Correa Arzola to stand trial. The victim was standing near his home in Pleasant Grove when, down the street, Choice fired his weapon during the commission of the robbery. The bullet traveled several houses down and struck Correa Arzola, killing him. Choice was on felony probation for a prior robbery when the crime occurred. Choice is also a known member of the criminal street gang, Park Row Posse.

Lead Prosecutor Hilary Wright and Assistant DA Marcia Taylor successfully secured the murder conviction against Choice after more than a week of testimony earlier this month.

The two other men charged in the crime, Shemar McCarthy and Joshua Valdez, have been given offers of prison time by prosecutor Hilary Wright and have until mid-March to take responsibility for their roles in this tragedy. Wright says, "Although Choice was the one who pulled the trigger and ended a life that day, McCarthy and Valdez, participated in the robbery that lead to this senseless death." If the men do not accept the offered plea bargains, they will have the right to their own trials by jury.

Correa Arzola left behind a wife and three children. The youngest child was only one year old at the time.