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**Dallas County District Attorney's Office to Seek Death Penalty Against
Jose Castro for Capital Murder**

(DALLAS, TX – June 6, 2007) – After careful deliberation, Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins announced today that the District Attorney's Office will seek the death penalty against Jose Heriberto Castro, age 25, for the fatal shooting of Karen Lafon on December 5, 2006. The Dallas County Grand Jury indicted Castro for Capital Murder on February 9, 2007.

Ms. Lafon was shot and killed as she exited the office building where she worked at 6500 Greenville Avenue in Dallas, Texas.

District Attorney Watkins' notice of intent to seek the death penalty was given to Castro's defense attorney, Brook Busbee, on June 6, 2007. Castro is currently in custody in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center awaiting trial.

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