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**Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins Announces New DNA Evidence on Former Co-Defendant Gerald Pabst in 21-year-old Garland Murder Case**

*DNA results allege Pabst committed perjury during 1986 testimony against co-defendant Clay Chabot*

- WHO:** Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins  
Special Assistant Mike Ware, Conviction Integrity Unit
- WHAT:** Press conference with Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins to announce new DNA test results on former co-defendant Gerald Edmond Pabst, age 55, in the 1986 murder of victim, Galua Crosby, that occurred in Garland, Texas. The Dallas County District Attorney's Office investigators in conjunction with the Texas Rangers and the Ohio Bureau of Investigations successfully located and arrested Mr. Pabst at a local bar near Geneva, Ohio, where he waived extradition and was returned to Dallas County on Tuesday, July 31. Mr. Pabst has been free for the past 21 years, for the murder of Ms. Crosby, while his co-defendant, Clay Reed Chabot, who was found guilty by a jury in 1986, is currently serving a life sentence for the crime in the Texas Department of Corrections.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. CDT
- WHERE:** Frank Crowley Courts Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor (foyer area)  
133 N. Industrial Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas 75207
- BACKGROUND:** On April 29, 1986, the victim, Galua Crosby, a woman in her twenties at the time, was bound, sexually assaulted and shot in the head three times at her residence in Garland, Texas. In Mr. Chabot's 1986 murder trial, co-defendant Gerald Pabst, who claimed he

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was innocent, passed a polygraph test regarding his involvement in the murder and testified against co-defendant Clay Chabot.

A jury found Mr. Chabot guilty of murder based primarily on Pabst's testimony of the events that occurred on the date of the crime, and sentenced Mr. Chabot to life in prison where he has been since 1986. Although Pabst testified he had no agreement with the prosecution in exchange for his testimony, his murder case was dismissed on October 25, 1986 — a week after Mr. Chabot was convicted for murder. After Chabot's murder trial, Pabst plead guilty to misdemeanor theft for the items taken from Ms. Crosby's home and received a 30-day sentence, but was given credit for time-served in jail and allowed to go free.

In 2003, Mr. Chabot requested a post-conviction DNA test through the Innocence Project. The request was granted by a judge on December 26, 2005, and in June of 2007 the written results on the DNA evidence came back as a match to Gerald Pabst.

Under the supervision of Mike Ware, Special Assistant, who heads up the two-week-old Conviction Integrity Unit at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Mr. Pabst was indicted on a capital murder charge, and the new DNA evidence was presented to a Grand Jury on Friday, July 27, 2007. The Grand Jury true billed the case on July 27<sup>th</sup>, which led Dallas County District Attorney investigators to Ohio to apprehend Pabst. District Attorney investigators returned Mr. Pabst to Dallas County where he is in custody at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center and will await trial.

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