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Court denies Motion to Disinter Body of Child Victim

Today, May 19, 2021, a day-long hearing on the motion for disinterment of the body of the minor child in the capital murder case against Samuel Enrique Lopez was heard before the 406th District Court. District Attorney Isidro R. Alaniz represented the State and argued against the exhumation. Evidence and testimony was presented by Lopez's attorneys that was challenged by the DA's Office. After review and consideration of the evidence and testimony, the Honorable Judge Oscar J. Hale Jr. denied the defense's motion to exhume the body. The court found that Lopez's constitutional rights were not being denied based on the fact that Dr. Corinne Stern and the State's evidence would be available and has been provided to the defense. The Court further found that the defense did not show a necessity for the exhumation or that it was absolutely essential to provide an effective defense. The capital case against Samuel Enrique Lopez remains pending.