**Two men charged in 7 yr-old girl’s murder**

Jan. 8, 2019 – Harris County Sheriff’s Office homicide investigators have filed a capital murder charge against Larry D. Woodruffe, 34, and Eric Black Jr., 20, for the Dec. 30 shooting death of 7-year-old Jazmine Barnes.

Jazmine’s mother was driving Jazmine and her three sisters southbound on the East San Antonio Fwy. near Wallisville Rd at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Dec. 30 when they were fired upon by someone in another vehicle.

Investigators identified Woodruffe, and Eric Black Jr. as suspects based on a tip from someone that corroborated the tip, and both men were taken into custody on Jan. 7 in Kent Harris County.

Woodruffe was booked into the Harris County jail on a felony drug possession charge, pending further investigation.

Hock then admitted to taking part in the shooting and was charged with capital murder.

Last Tuesday, on the back of additional corroborating evidence, prosecutors with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office accepted a capital murder charge against Woodruffe.

“I am grateful to our dedicated investigators, the partner law enforcement agencies that provided vital assistance, and the families that have provided witness statements to support our work to get justice for Jazmine,” Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said. “Our work is not finished, but I believe the people of Harris County can take comfort in knowing we have made progress.”

At the time, investigators said that Jazmine’s family was the intended target of the shooting, and that the possibility of a mistargeting result of mistakes identity.

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**PASADENA, Texas —** A recent study has found that San Jacinto College had a $1.3 billion impact on the region’s economy in fiscal year 2018. The study conducted by the Economic Development Research Institute (EDRI) reported that the impacts created during the 2017-18 fiscal year are comprised of $143 million in added income from operations spending, $24.6 million from student spending, and another $1.1 billion from alumni. The College’s impact equals 4 percent of the region’s gross regional product, and a total of 13,244 jobs.

This study takes into account the investments of our students, our taxpayers, and our community,” said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. “It reflects our ongoing efforts and commitments to improve our communities and the Gulf Coast region by providing an educated and skilled workforce, public and another estimated $34 million in benefits. The average-annual return on investment for taxpayers in the San Jacinto College District is 10.9 percent.

A dollar that society spends on San Jacinto College during the 2017-18 fiscal year, society receives a cumulative value of $13.60 in benefits for as long as the 2017-18 fiscal year San Jacinto College student population remained active in the state workforce.

The results of this study confirm the value of a certificate or associate degree from San Jacinto College,” said Mrs. Marie Pickinger, Chair of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. “For more than 50 years, we have had a proud tradition of producing a return on investment for students and the taxpayers in our region. It is critical that we continue to work hard, and invest in our people and our communities, so that we can provide quality training and transfer programs that are producing more graduates and helping to fill the workforce pipelines in the region.

**Texas Legislature starts 86th Bi-Annual Session**

Rep. Ana Hernandez Sworn-in

ANA HERNANDEZ, State Representative for District 143, is shown at the first session of the 86th Legislature after her swearing-in ceremony. Pictured with Ana are Aver Kwan and Destiny Carrizo.

Advocates Tuesday marked the beginning of the 86th session in the Texas Senate, a 140 day term in which state leadership has pledged to tackle the complex issues of public school finance reform and property tax reform. Governor Greg Abbott was on hand to welcome the members, new and current, and promised to finally resolve those issues.

“We are going to step up and address it,” he said. Other major issues facing the Legislature this session include state pension funds and contracting oversight, but like Abbott, Senate leader Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and newly elected House Speaker Dennis Bonnen have highighted property tax and school finance reform as critical issues this session.

San Jacinto Pilot Club Casino Party

Sponsored by Cruises by Al Lorenzo, Channelview, TX at Flukinger Center, 16003 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019 Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Flukinger Center, 10025 Lorenzo, Channelview, TX 77530. 340 entree tickets.

The raffle price includes $1,000 cruise gift certificate and more.

Pat Magee and San Jacinto Pilot Club

San Jacinto Pilot Club is sponsoring a 501(c)4 service organization of business people serving the needs of the community. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com
We will present awards to Banquet on February 21, Directors’ Installation Community Awards and burg Chamber of Commerce Community Awards.

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Garcia brings 35 years of experience in public service to Precinct 2

The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Community & Downtown Reunion Banquet on February 21. We will present awards to community members who have made significant contributions to our community.

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Galena Park ISD would like to congratulate North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center student, Guadalupe Jimenez Puente, and Galena Park High School student, Lilyana Nieto, for receiving a congressional certificate from Congressman Gene Green in recognition of their hard work and outstanding service to the GPISD community.

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Showcase Athletics will host the game on Saturday, January 12 at 3:00 pm at the South San Stadium in San Antonio. Pedro and John will proudly represent themselves and the school district at the All-Star Game.

Good luck, Pedro and John! We are rooting for both of you!
Kernels about pecan trees

By John E. Lipe

The pecan is the Texas state tree, being native to about 50 counties and capable of growing and producing all its Texas crops. The tree is popular for its many uses.

Pecan nuts are a popular food. The pecan grows on several types of pecan trees, especially in Southern Texas. Pecan nuts are used for making candy, cookies, cakes, and other baked goods. They are also used to make pecan pie.

In addition to pecans, pecan trees are used as shade trees. They are also used for landscaping and as a source of income. Pecan trees can be grown in most parts of Texas, but they require a warm climate.

There are many benefits to having pecan trees. They provide shade, which can help keep homes cool during the summer months. They also provide food for wildlife, such as birds and squirrels. Additionally, pecan trees are a valuable source of income for some farmers.

When planting pecan trees, it is important to choose the right variety for the local climate. There are many different types of pecan trees available, each with its own set of cultural requirements.

Insect issues -

The pecan moth, a major pest of pecan trees, can be controlled with insecticides. There are several effective insecticides available, such as malathion, permethrin, and pyrethrin. These insecticides can be applied to the tree by spraying or dusting.

Fertilization -

Pecan trees require a high level of nitrogen to grow well. It is important to fertilize pecan trees regularly to ensure they receive enough nitrogen. Nitrogen applications should be made every three to four years.

Irrigation -

Irrigation is necessary for optimal growth of pecan trees. Pecan trees need at least 24 inches of water per year, especially during the growing season.

Pruning -

Pruning is important for maintaining the health of pecan trees. Dead, diseased, or broken branches should be removed to prevent the spread of disease.

Drought stress -

Drought stress can be a major problem for pecan trees. It is important to water pecan trees regularly, especially during periods of drought.

In conclusion, pecan trees are a valuable resource for Texas. They provide shade, food for wildlife, and income for farmers. Proper care and management can help ensure the success of pecan trees in Texas.
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo kicked off historic term with community-wide engagement initiative.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced that she is launching a new civic engagement program designed to help shape the first year of her administration.

Judge Hidalgo capped her inauguration ceremony with an address to a capacity audience that included several elected officials, civic leaders, elected representatives, and engaged community members.

The new program, called “Talking Transition,” is part of Hidalgo’s overall vision to make Harris County “a better, more equitable, and more just place to live.” The program is a civic engagement initiative that will engage with leaders from different sectors of the community.

The program includes 10 civic engagement Saturdays called Civic Saturdays. These Saturdays are designed to allow residents to learn more about their government and engage with their elected officials.

Civic Saturdays will feature a variety of events, including community meetings, educational workshops, and discussions on pressing public policy issues. The program will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about how County government works and how it operates.

At the kickoff event, Judge Hidalgo shared her vision for the new civic engagement program.

Judge Hidalgo said, “For me, public service means ensuring that everyone in our community has the same opportunity to engage with it.”

The kickoff event was held on January 2, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Woodforest Bank Pavilion in North Houston. The event was attended by hundreds of people, including elected officials and community members.

The program aims to create an inclusive and democratic space where residents can share their ideas and participate in decision-making processes.

### Media Contacts

For more information about the Talking Transition program, please contact Harris County Communications Director Jessica Davis at 713-858-5296 or Jessica.Davis@HCTexas.gov.

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