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“Billy” Son Nguyen Indicted for Capital Murder, Aggravated Assault, Arson

(Fort Worth, TX) – A Tarrant County Grand Jury today indicted Hung Son Nguyen, also known as “Billy” Son Nguyen, for a March 2018 rampage in Grand Prairie that resulted in the first intimate partner violence murder in Tarrant County this year. Nguyen was indicted on charges of Capital Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Arson.

Nguyen’s path of destruction began at the home of his ex-girlfriend, 38-year-old Grand Prairie resident Chi Pham. After stabbing Pham multiple times, Nguyen set the house on fire and drove to the nail salon where he and Pham had been co-workers. Once he reached the salon, he set his car on fire in the parking lot and then attacked another coworker, dousing her with gasoline and attempting to set her on fire. When the lighter failed to ignite, he took out a gun and attempted to shoot the female, but the gun would not fire. Nguyen was stopped by an armed good samaritan who worked in the same strip mall, and held him until police and fire personnel arrived at the scene.

Emergency personnel were able to connect the incident at the nail salon to the fire at Pham’s house, where her body was discovered. The female coworker was treated for her injuries at a local hospital and then released.

Pham’s death was the first recorded murder of a Tarrant County resident by a former intimate partner this year. The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office has focused significant resources to combat intimate partner violence (IPV) in our community, including the creation of an IPV-specific prosecution team in 2017.

Lead prosecutor on Nguyen’s case will be Art Clayton, IPV chief for the office. Assisting will be Assistant Criminal District Attorney Tracey Kapsidelis, the office’s leading expert on arson crimes.

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Photo: Chi Pham