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Update on Jason Thornburg case

(Fort Worth, TX) – The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office has filed paperwork seeking the death penalty for Jason Thornburg.

Thornburg, 41, was arrested last year on a charge of capital murder regarding the deaths of David Lueras, Lauren Phillips and Maricruz Mathis. Their dismembered bodies were found in a burning Fort Worth dumpster on September 22, 2021.

“The decision on whether or not to seek the death penalty is a crucial decision this office makes,” Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson said. “The death penalty is reserved for the worst of the worst criminals.

“It is only fitting that we seek the death penalty in this case.”

Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorneys Kim D’Avignon and Jim Hudson are prosecuting this case.

Thornburg faces additional, unrelated charges of murder and arson regarding the death of Mark Jewell, 61, on May 21, 2021.