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Yesterday, a Travis County jury returned a guilty verdict for the offense of Murder against David Diaz. The jury later sentenced Diaz to life in prison for the crime.

On January 19, 2014, the body of Robert Morales was found on a dirt road with obvious signs of trauma. The autopsy revealed that Morales had been stabbed multiple times. In 2015, the investigation led to the arrest of David Diaz and two others who were present at the time of the murder. However, charges against all three were dismissed before being presented to the grand jury pending further investigation.

In 2017, the case was reopened by the Austin Police Department's Cold Case Unit. Prosecutor Amy Meredith and investigator Manny Fuentes were assigned to assist in the investigation from the Travis County District Attorney's Office. After an extensive investigation that included multiple interviews, cell phone mapping, and DNA testing, the Grand Jury indicted David Diaz for the murder of Robert Morales on November 3, 2017.

At trial, it was revealed that there had been a conflict between David Diaz and Robert Morales, regarding Morales possibly joining the Texas Syndicate. Witnesses stated that Diaz, aka Frosty, arrived at the home of Michael Briones, also a Texas Syndicate member, in the early morning hours and was angry at Morales and started arguing with him. The argument escalated and moved to the backyard. Shortly thereafter, Diaz started stabbing Morales multiple times. Diaz left the scene with Lisa Salas and Mark Quiroga. DNA evidence later showed the victim's blood was found in close proximity to where Diaz was sitting in Salas's vehicle. Cell phone records were analyzed by the Austin Police Department, which showed the route taken by Diaz, and placed Diaz at the scene of the murder.

The Medical Examiner testified that Robert Morales had thirty stab wounds. The jury heard testimony regarding the amount of force used to inflict severe injuries to the victim's vital organs and skull.

The lead prosecutor on the case, Amy Meredith, said "This has been a long road for the family of Robert Morales, but we are thankful the jury listened carefully to all of the evidence, followed the law and rendered a just verdict in this case. We believe justice has been served and hopefully Robert Morales's family can at least have closure knowing that the person responsible for Robert's death has been held accountable."