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**For Immediate Release: Office of Dallas DA John Creuzot Secures Life Sentence Without Possibility of Parole for Yaser Abdel Said**

(DALLAS) – 14 years and eight months after gunning down his own daughters, 18-year-old Amina and 17-year-old Sarah, Yaser Abdel Said, 65, has been sentenced to Life in Prison without the Possibility of Parole after being found guilty of Capital Murder.

“There is nothing honorable about what Yaser Said did on January 1, 2008. Dallas County has shown Mr. Said that there is no excuse for taking another human life. He must now spend the rest of his days confined to a prison cell living under the control of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. While this verdict does not bring Sarah and Amina back, my office and this jury have done all that is in our power to see that justice is done,” said Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot.

On January 1, 2008, at 7:33 pm, 17-year-old Sarah Said frantically called Irving 911 and told the dispatcher, “Help! My Dad shot me!” Irving officers began a desperate search to locate Sarah and her 18-year-old sister, Amina Said. A second 911 call came from a staff member at the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas. An Omni hotel staff member found an orange taxi with its headlights off, engine off, and two girls unresponsive in the vehicle located in the taxi stand on the hotel property. Irving officers responded to find Amina and Sarah shot dead and observed no keys in the ignition.

“Amina Said told you what would happen, that ‘he will kill us.’ Sarah Said, in her 911 call, in her last dying breaths, said that it did happen, and by whom? Their father: Yaser Said,” ADA Brandi Mitchell said in her closing argument.

Yaser Said disappeared after the killings and remained a fugitive from law enforcement for more than 12 years, with six of those years being on the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitive List. Said was captured on August 26, 2020, without incident in the town of Justin, Texas.

“Sarah Said tells you who her killer is. She’s screaming out from the grave right now. He’s here. He did it,” Lead Prosecutor Lauren Black said in closing. “If you intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another in Dallas County we are coming for you. You will be prosecuted. It has nothing to do with your race or religion. All signs point to Yaser Said, no one else. No one else.”

After six days of trial and considering all the evidence, the jury deliberated for three hours before returning a verdict of guilty of Capital Murder.

Following sentencing, Amina and Sarah's mother, Patricia Owens, took the stand to deliver a victim impact statement.

"I'm not scared of you anymore. You took my life. You took my family. All in one day. You will never break me down again. You are a prisoner. You are a murderer. You are the devil," the girls' mother said.

Thank you to the entire trial team including ADAs Lauren Black, Brandi Mitchell, Summer Elmazi, and Jaclyn O'Connor. Thank you to DA Office Investigators John Davison and Ric Bruner, the Irving Police Department, Lewisville Police Department, the FBI, and all who assisted in securing this just verdict.

We also want to thank the jury for their time and service and commitment to seeing that justice was done throughout this difficult trial.

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