



IN DISTRICT COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS  
THE 105<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS V. JOSEPH TEJEDA

No. 17-FC-0162-D

No. 16-FC-0794-D

No. 17-FC-1399-D

No. 22-FC-4264-D

ORDER APPOINTING NEW COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT

On December 9, 2022, at a pre-trial hearing in Cause No. 17-CR-0162-D, the Capital Murder case, the Court heard the request of the Defendant, JOSEPH TEJEDA, for new counsel, Dée Ann Torres-Miller's motion to withdraw as second counsel for the Defendant, and the Defendant's request to release Fred Jimenez as lead counsel for the Defendant. The Court orally granted the requests and the motion.

On December 12, 2022, the Court signed its "Order Granting Defendant's Request for New Counsel" in which the Court granted Attorney Torres-Miller's motion to withdraw and released Attorney Jimenez as Defendant's counsel.

Because the State has waived the death penalty in this Capital Murder case, the Court is not limited to the list of "death penalty qualified" attorneys approved by the Presiding Judge of the Fifth Administrative Judicial Region and her committee. The Court then proceeded to search for counsel willing to accept the appointment. On December 15, 2022, the counsel named below agreed to accept appointment to represent the Defendant in all of his causes.<sup>1</sup> Having done so, the Court now appoints counsel for the Defendant in all of his causes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Eric Perkins and Jared Perkins be and are hereby APPOINTED as lead counsel and second counsel, respectively, for the Defendant in all of his cases pending in this Court.

<sup>1</sup> In Cause No. 16-FC-0794-D, the Defendant is charged with Burglary of a Habitation with intent to commit a felony; in No. 17-FC-1399-D, with Evading Arrest with a Vehicle; and in No. 22-FC-4264-D, with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity in committing an Aggravated Assault of a Public Servant.