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New Trial For Two Men Convicted of Capi

Reported by: *Lauren Murphy*

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The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the conviction of two men accused woman.

For the last twelve years, Jesus Ramirez and Alberto Sifuentes have been in prison for a murder maintained they did not commit.

"I'm delighted, and it's about time. The cases should never have been brought," said Barry Mc Boone LLP.

The Court of Criminal Appeals decided the two men did not have adequate defense.

Now, they will return to Lamb County, where they could be retried, McNeil says it probably won't.

"They will be released. They will not be tried because there's no evidence on which to retry them."

In August of 1996 Evangelina Cruz was working the graveyard shift at the Jolly Roger in Littlefield.

Around 2 a.m. Cruz was shot nine times, but before she died she managed to give police a description of the killers...two hispanic males between the ages of eighteen and twenty.

An hour later, police pulled over Sifuentes and Ramirez.

Ramirez was forty-eight at the time of his arrest.

Also, the original defense team never attempted to locate a key alibi witness who later swore he was at a nightclub until 2 a.m., the time of the murder.

The state's star witness was a woman who said she saw the men at the Jolly Roger around midnight, but later showed that witness was there at midnight.

The defense says they are confident Sifuentes and Ramirez will be released within a few months, but why the two men might be skeptical.

"They will not believe that justice will occur until they walk out of here free men."

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