

STATEMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES P. WILLETT

We charged Melissa Huckaby with the murder of Sandra Cantu with special circumstances of:

- (1) Kidnapping
- (2) the performance of lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under 14, and
- (3) rape by instrument

As charged, Huckaby faces a potential death sentence or, alternatively, life without possibility of parole.

Consistent with the process we use on all special circumstances murders, we won't make a decision of whether to seek the death penalty until we're further along in the proceedings.

I want to thank the Tracy Police Dept. and the FBI for their excellent work.

My office will not discuss the evidence which has been gathered. That evidence will be presented in the upcoming court proceedings.

We have no further comments at this time. Thank you.