

Before I talk about the Defendant, let me tell you about the victim, 2-year old Baby Mariah.

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, paramedics were dispatched to an apartment where they found the baby victim, Mariah, unattended and lying on her back on the middle of the floor not breathing and with no pulse.

The condition of Mariah's body indicated that she had been severely abused. There were bruises in various states of healing covering her body, there were bite marks on her back, one of her arms had been broken probably about 2 to 7 weeks prior to her death and she was missing portions of her hair where it had been pulled out by the roots. Her autopsy revealed bruised kidneys, a bruised spinal cord and bruised lungs. The emergency room physician testified that this was the "absolute worst" case of child abuse that he had seen in his 30 years of practice.

In July 2008 a jury of 12 citizens of Cameron County after hearing all the evidence in court and following the applicable law, found the Defendant Melissa E. Lucio guilty of Capital Murder and was sentenced to death.

Since then, the Defendant has filed at least six various appeals. All of her appeals have been dismissed or denied by the courts, including the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

The time has come to finally carry out the sentence legally imposed by a jury of her peers and for justice for 2-year old Baby Mariah.