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Samuel E. Lopez indicted for Capital Murder

On July 9, 2020, the grand jury for the 406th District Court submitted a “true bill” decision on all counts for Samuel Enrique Lopez. Lopez is being charged with the capital murders of a Laredo family that occurred on April 13, 2020.

On April 16, 2020, Laredo Police Communications Division received an unknown traffic call at 4509 Vanessita Ct. Caller stated that there was blood stains on the side yard of the residence by the side door. The caller was later identified as Julian Saracho Sr. The investigation revealed Saracho Sr. was working out of town and the last time he had spoken to his wife, Zayra Martin-Fuentes, was on April 13, 2020 at approximately 6:40 p.m. He stated that he asked family members to check on the whereabouts of his family but they reported that no one was home. When he arrived to Laredo on Thursday, April 16, 2020 his wife, along with two of his step-children, and biological son were missing and he proceeded to contact the police. Officers began to search the house and notice blood stains in one of the bedrooms and blood stains in the kitchen that were attempted to be cleaned with bleach. While checking the backyard and field behind the house, three bodies were located.

During an interview with Mr. Lopez, he confessed to the murders of the family at the residence. He later confessed to the murder and dumping of the body of a 2 year old boy at a different location.

Lopez is being charged with the following counts: Capital Murder of Multiple Persons, Capital Murder of Person under Ten YOA, Injury to a child/elderly/disable with intent to cause serious bodily injury (F1), and Aggravated Sexual Assault Child (F1).