

Podcast Uncovers Evidence of Wrongful Conviction in upcoming Death Row Execution

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HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, February 2, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For over three years, the [Cousins By Blood Podcast](#) has investigated the Capital Murder case and innocence claim of Ivan Cantu. In Collin County, Cantu was convicted in 2001 of killing his cousin, James Mosqueda, and Amy Kitchen, James's fiancé. Cantu has maintained his innocence over the past 20 years.

Through witness and forensic expert interviews critical issues with Cantu's conviction have been laid bare over the course of the podcast. Nonetheless, Cantu now has an execution date scheduled for April 26, 2023 in Huntsville, Texas.

In Cantu's case, there is evidence that the state's star witness committed multiple counts of perjury. The prosecution and investigating officers improperly coached witnesses and withheld evidence from the defense. Cantu believes he received a raw deal from his own defense counsel, as well. Against Cantu's wishes, the defense did not hire a private investigator, call any witnesses to dispute the state's case, present any evidence on Cantu's behalf, and conceded Cantu's guilt in the closing arguments.

Over the course of the podcast investigation, newly discovered evidence has also been discovered. Though only time will tell if it's enough for the court to grant a stay of execution for Cantu. For more information and to stay updated on the case, listen to Cousins By Blood Podcast and get connected on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and Twitter.

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I never committed murder, and I want to prove it to the world, prove it to the Mosquedas, the Kitchens, and come home. I still have a life to live.”

*Ivan Cantu, Death Row Inmate
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Dallas man given death sentence

He was found guilty of killing his cousin

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A Collin County jury sentenced a Dallas man to death Friday for fatally shooting his cousin last November during a botched robbery that left two people dead inside a North Dallas residence.

Ivan Abner Cantu, 28, was con-

victed of capital murder on Oct. 16 in the death of his cousin, James Mosqueda, 27. Mr. Cantu has also been indicted in the death of Mr. Mosqueda's girlfriend, 22-year-old Amy Kitchen. The couple were found slain Nov. 4 inside their home in the 18600 block of Gibbes Drive.

"True justice has been served," said Mark Kitchen, Ms. Kitchen's brother, shortly after the punishment verdict was read. "We can all go on now and make some sense of our lives. Even though Amy and James are gone, they will be missed and will never be forgotten."



Ivan Cantu

Mr. Cantu's mother, Sylvia Cantu, and Mr. Mosqueda's mother, Gladys Mosqueda, embraced outside the courtroom Friday.

"I extend the deepest sympathy to everyone that has been affected by this," Ms. Cantu said. "Unless we learn to forgive, we will always have internal war within us, and it will be hard to move forward."

Jurors deliberated for about nine hours and were sequestered

Thursday night before reaching their decision Friday morning. Mr. Cantu is the second person this month to be sentenced to death by a Collin County jury. On Oct. 15, Michael Adam Sigala was sentenced to die for killing a young Brazilian man inside his north Plano apartment last summer.

In Mr. Cantu's trial, prosecution witnesses included a former girlfriend who said Mr. Cantu told her in advance that he planned to kill Mr. Mosqueda and afterward showed her the bodies. Amy Boettcher also told jurors that she saw Mr. Cantu on the night of the

killings wearing bloody jeans and socks. Tests conducted on the socks and jeans later confirmed that the blood was Mr. Mosqueda's.

Police also found Mr. Mosqueda's 2001 black convertible Corvette, which had been taken from the couple's garage, at Mr. Cantu's apartment complex in the 4700 block of Old Bent Tree Lane. Investigators found the gun used in the killings at the home of another of Mr. Cantu's ex-girlfriends, police said. The gun's ammunition magazine

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