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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING DEATHS OF TWO PEOPLE

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced an Indianapolis man has been sentenced to life in prison for the shooting deaths of two people, 29-year-old Theodore Hill and his 28-year-old girlfriend Zarra Strickland, both residents of Danville, Ill.

Glenn Torres, 31, of Indianapolis, Ind., was convicted of two counts of first degree murder after a Vermilion County jury found him guilty of murdering both Mr. Hill and Ms. Strickland, following an April 2019 trial. Judge Nancy Fahey sentenced Torres to the mandatory life sentence.

"This is another example of senseless gun violence which took the lives of two young people," Raoul said. "I appreciate the efforts by the jurors and the judge to ensure that Mr. Torres will spend the rest of his life behind bars. My office is committed to working with law enforcement across the state to combat gun violence."

In August 2015, Torres was hired by a Danville drug dealer to shoot and kill Mr. Hill and one of Mr. Hill's friends in retaliation for being robbed the night before. Torres and a Danville man named Marquis Robinson tracked down Mr. Hill and lured Hill and Ms. Strickland into a car driven by Mr. Robinson. While Robinson drove the car, Torres shot both victims in the head. Torres then directed Robinson to drive to an abandoned house on the outskirts of Danville where both victims' bodies were dumped. The jury trial lasted over a week and involved numerous civilian witnesses, investigating officers, and expert witnesses.

The investigation was conducted by the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department. At the time of his October 2015 arrest, Torres was on parole for a previous weapons conviction.

Assistant Attorneys General Jonathan McKay and Mary Claire Nicholson prosecuted the case for Raoul's Criminal Prosecutions and Trials Assistance Bureau.