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**Flores Sentenced to 3 Life Prison Terms in Adams County Triple Homicide**

Gabriel Lee Flores (DOB 11/01/73) was convicted and sentenced to three consecutive life prison terms plus 48 years Friday in the triple homicide in Adams County in 2014 that left three men dead of gunshot wounds to the head.

"This was a senseless killing of three individuals and the attempted murder of another man. Mr. Flores is a very dangerous man and I am glad to see that he will be out of society for the rest of his life," said District Attorney Dave Young.

Flores was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder after deliberation and felony murder in the shooting deaths of Johnny Angel Gutierrez, 18, Jason Albert Quizada, 37, and Jayson Antonio Figueroa, 17, who were killed December 10, 2014 at 21 Cragmore Street in unincorporated Adams County. Flores was convicted of attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of Joshua Williamson, who was left for dead but survived. Flores also was convicted of aggravated robbery.

"This was an execution and a massacre," Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Costigan told the jury in closing arguments. "Gabriel Flores, with calculation and precision, massacred three individuals and shot a fourth, thinking he was dead."

Costigan said Flores went to the house to steal drugs and money. After the group of men sat in the living room showing off their guns, Flores convinced them to unload the weapons, Costigan said. A short time later, Flores suddenly demanded money and drugs from Quizada. When Quizada began to protest, Flores shot Gutierrez in the head as he was nodding off on the sofa and then shot Quizada in the head at point-blank range. He then fired at Williamson, who toppled off the sofa and played dead. Quizada shot Figueroa twice in side of his head as he begged for his life with his hands up, Costigan said.

Flores testified during the trial claiming that he went to the house unarmed to exchange boxes of stolen curling irons and jewelry for drugs. He claimed he shot Quizada in self-defense and that the other two men were accidentally shot by stray bullets during the scuffle. However evidence showed that all three were shot in the head, two of them at point-blank range.

“This was not a struggle over a gun,” Costigan said. “This was an execution and a massacre.”