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**May 24, 2023**

### **Hall indicted for Three Capital Murder Charges. County Attorney to Seek the Death Penalty**

An Ellis County grand jury indicted Shamaiya Hall, 25, of Forney, today for five felony charges. The grand jury returned three indictments against Hall for capital murder. The indictments alleged that she murdered her children Legend Chappell, 6, Alayah Martin, 5, and Ayden Martin, 5, by stabbing them with a knife. Additionally, the grand jury returned two indictments for the attempted murder of her two youngest children, a 4-year-old boy, and a 13-month-old girl.

Following the indictments, County and District Attorney Ann Montgomery filed the *State's Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty* for Hall in the capital murder cases.

First Assistant County and District Attorney Cynthia Walker, Chief Felony Prosecutor Grace Pandithurai, and Felony Prosecutor Kevin Boneberg are assigned to prosecute these cases.

The Ellis County and District Attorney's Office would like to thank our law enforcement partners at the Ellis County Sheriff's Office for their professionalism and on-going efforts toward seeking justice in these cases.

Filed marked copies of the Hall indictments and the State's Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty can be found below.











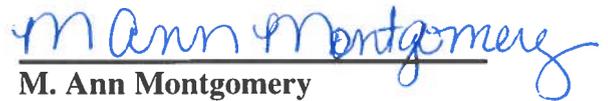
**CAUSE NO. 49755CR**

<b>THE STATE OF TEXAS</b>	§	<b>IN THE 443rd JUDICIAL</b>
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<b>V.</b>	§	<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>
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<b>SHAMAIYA DEVONSHANA HALL</b>	§	<b>ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS</b>

**STATE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY**

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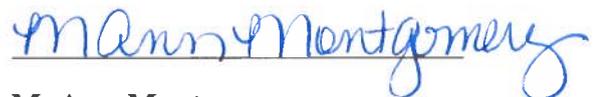
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing State's Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty was delivered by email to Catherine Bernhard and Karen Lambert, attorneys of record for the defendant, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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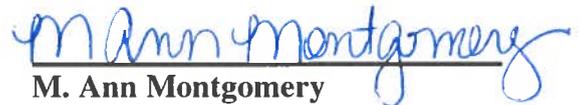
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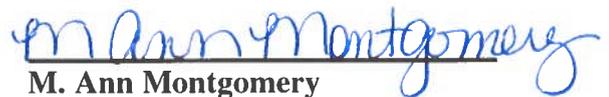
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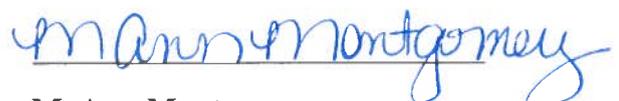
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