



BREAKING NEWS: Judge Says Lucio is Innocent

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Brownsville - November 14, 2024 - According to breaking news reports, Judge Arturo Nelson — who presided over the original trial and sentenced her to death — found that Melissa Lucio is “is actually innocent; she did not kill her daughter.”

Statement from Abraham Bonowitz, Coordinator, #FreeMelissaLucio Campaign
Executive Director of Death Penalty Action

"Anyone who saw Sabrina Van Tassell's film, 'The State of Texas vs. Melissa,' in 2022 knows there was no murder, and that Mariah's death was an accident. The real hero here is Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz, who finally looked at the evidence once ordered to do so by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He concluded in 2022 that she would not have been convicted had she had all of the evidence that was available to his predecessor, the disgraced former prosecutor, Armando Villalobos.

"It is tragic that Melissa has had to wait all of this time, and remains on death row today. We urge the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Judge Nelson's findings immediately so that Melissa can finally come home. She should not spend another night in prison.

"Melissa Lucio was once two days from execution. It took a film viewed by millions and a massive public relations campaign just to halt her execution and get the courts to order a fresh look at the evidence. This should concern every Texan who thinks the state can be trusted to get it right in every case. Thank God for Melissa's attorney, Richard Ellis, the Innocence Project, the Capital Habeas Unit in Austin and everyone on Melissa's legal team and from her community, who never gave up on her."

A GoFundMe has been established to support Melissa upon her return home until the State of Texas sees fit to compensate her properly. Please share this link: <https://gofund.me/c98260f0>

The web page at FreeMelissaLucio.org will be updated shortly.