

Court Advisory

Fourth Court of Appeals
Cadena-Reeves Justice Center
300 Dolorosa, Suite 3200
San Antonio, Texas 78205-3037



Contact: Luz Estrada
Phone: 210-335-3219

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 2, 2024

Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice Liza A. Rodriguez, and Justice Lori Massey Brissette.

The following case will be presented: *Jorge Rodriguez Jr. v. State of Texas*. This appeal concerns a murder conviction. Rodriguez was initially sentenced to fifty years' imprisonment for the murder conviction and twenty years for another offense. The trial court ordered that the two sentences be served concurrently. The Fourth Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the murder sentence for a new trial as to punishment. On remand, a jury assessed punishment at twenty years. The trial court then ordered that the two sentences be served consecutively. In one issue, Rodriguez argues the trial court's pronouncement of consecutive sentences violates his constitutional rights because it constitutes judicial vindictiveness. The State argues that there was no reasonable likelihood of judicial vindictiveness.

The oral argument will be held in the Webb County Commissioners' Court, at 1000 Houston Street, Second Floor, Laredo, Texas 78040.

The argument will be live streamed at:
https://www.webbcountytx.gov/AgendaandMinutes_Video/

An archived version of the oral argument can be accessed using the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiaWJQ7eW5OQIALdyLN6s3A>