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D.A. Lykos Announces Death Sentence to be Sought Again for Cop Killer

(Houston, Tx) District Attorney Patricia Lykos announced today that her office will vigorously prosecute and once again seek a death sentence for convicted cop killer Carl Wayne Buntion. Buntion was convicted in 1991 of capital murder for the death of Officer James Irby during a routine traffic stop. Today, the Court of Criminal Appeals granted Buntion a new trial on punishment.

A jury will hear the entirety of the facts and circumstances in the case, although the only issue is one of punishment. The jury will be given two options; a life sentence or the death penalty. The case will be heard in the 178th District Court. (end)