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Rowlett, Texas - On the morning of Thursday, June 6th, 1996, an investigation began into the murders of Damon and Devon Routier. A significant event has now occurred in this very intensive investigation, At approximately 10:20p.m. this evening, investigators from the Rowlett Police Department arrested Darlie Routier (white female, age 26). Mrs. Routier was charged with two counts of Capital Murder stemming from the stabbing deaths of her -sons Damon (age 5) and Devon (age 6) This arrest is the result of the most intensive and exhaustive investigation ever conducted by the Rowlett Police Department.

Darlie Routier was arrested at the Rowlett Police Department. She was booked at the Rowlett City Jail and arraigned by Municipal Court Judge Owen Lokken. Judge Lokken ordered Mrs. Routier held without bond. Mrs. Routier was then transferred to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. I cannot comment on the details of this investigation other than to say we believe that the white male suspect described by Darlie Routier as the man that attacked her and murdered her children never existed.

We also believe that the wounds present on Darlie Routier were self-inflicted. As for the father, Darin Routier, at this point we do not believe that he was involved in, or participated in the murders.

The proper time and place for the details of this investigation to be released is at the time of trial, and in a court of law. The full story will be revealed at that time. Any further questions should be directed to the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.