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Four and a half years ago, Detective Ray Hermiso walked into our office needing a warrant for what started as a simple search for a jeep to help an investigation in Chandler, Arizona. This soon turned into a search for two young children Tylee Ryan and JJ Vallow.

That investigation merged with the investigation of the death of Tammy Daybell. Very quickly, multiple law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices began working together diligently to find those missing children and determine what happened to Tammy Daybell.

Realizing the children's last residence was in Madison County, we began a child protection action to bring the children to safety. When it was clear that Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell had no interest in helping us locate Tylee and JJ, we took further action in filing charges against Lori and extradited her from Hawaii when she failed to produce her children.

The search for Tylee and JJ was non-stop. Every stone was unturned through the diligent team efforts of the Rexburg Police Department, Fremont County Sherif's Office, Idaho Attorney General investigators, the FBI, and Chandler and Gilbert Arizona Police Departments. The willingness of so many different law enforcement agencies to work together and pool resources to obtain justice for these victims is unprecedented. The dedicated professionals of these agencies worked together with the single goal of justice in mind.

From the Madison County Prosecutor's Office, we are so grateful for the working relationship and partnership we've had with Lindsey Blake and everyone at the Fremont County Prosecutor's Office in obtaining justice, both in this trial and the trial against Lori Vallow. Lindsey Blake's dedication to each of the victims in this case has been unwavering. Her willingness to take this case on when she took office, when she didn't have to, was courageous. It has been an honor to work with her. I'd also like to thank Madison County Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Spencer Rammel and McKinzie Cole, and Special Prosecutor Rachel Smith for their work as critical members of the prosecution team.

Today, justice was served for Tylee Ryan, JJ Vallow, and Tammy Daybell - three innocent victims whose lives were tragically cut short by the selfish and cruel actions of Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow Daybell who embarked on a path of destruction that irrevocably altered the

lives of countless families and individuals. While nothing can undo the immense harm caused, we have worked tirelessly to secure a measure of justice.

This week, a diligent and attentive Ada County jury carefully considered the evidence presented, returned a verdict of guilty on all counts and sentenced him to death. Lori Vallow Daybell was previously convicted on all charges in this same courthouse and sentenced to life without parole. She now awaits trial in Arizona for the murder of Charles Vallow and attempted murder of Brandon Boudreaux in 2019.

Pursuing justice in this case required the unwavering dedication of a large team of public servants who devoted the last four years to ensuring we had the evidence needed to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. We extend our deepest gratitude to all the committed law enforcement professionals from these agencies who have made tremendous personal sacrifices in the face of an emotionally and physically challenging case. We are indebted to them for their service.

We also want to applaud the incredible strength and resilience of the victims and family members who, despite unimaginable grief, have stood with us these past four years in our pursuit of the truth. Your support has been invaluable.

To all those who held Tylee, JJ, and Tammy in their hearts, we hope these verdicts bring a measure of healing and closure. May the memory of Tylee, JJ and Tammy continue to be a blessing to all who knew and loved them.

Thank you.