

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**GILBERT T. BERNAL, SR.,**  
Defendant.

Case No. 2025 CF 2202

CLERK, CHANCERY COURT  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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## **BILL OF INDICTMENT**

Indictment returned by Grand Jury empaneled by the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, County of Will, State of Illinois, on October 28, 2025.

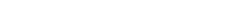
The GRAND JURORS, chosen, selected and sworn, in and for the County of Will in the State of Illinois, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, upon their oaths present that:

## COUNT I

On or about **December 9, 1988**, at and within Will County, Illinois, **GILBERT T. BERNAL, SR.**, a male person, committed the offense of:

## FIRST DEGREE MURDER

**in that said defendant, without lawful justification, and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Joan Bernal, performed acts that caused the death of Joan Bernal, in violation of Chapter 38, Section 9-1(a)(1) of the Illinois Revised Statutes, 1987, currently Chapter 720, Section 5/9-1(a)(1) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2012, contrary to the Statute, and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois, AOIC 0735000; and**

  
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

## COUNT II

On or about **December 9, 1988**, at and within Will County, Illinois, **GILBERT T. BERNAL, SR., a male person**, committed the offense of:

## **FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

**in that said defendant, without lawful justification, performed acts which caused the death of Joan Bernal, knowing that such acts created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to Joan Bernal, in violation of Chapter 38, Section 9-1(a)(2) of the Illinois Revised Statutes, 1987, currently Chapter 720, Section 5/9-1(a)(2) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2012, contrary to the Statute, and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois, AOIC 0735100.**

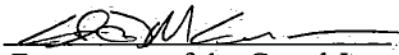
A TRUE BILL.

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**Foreperson of the Grand Jury**

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Will County Sheriff Department # 88-162-059 & 17-12509  
AOIC: 0735000; 0735100

**LIST OF WITNESSES****WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY**Det. Sgt. Michael Ernest  
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

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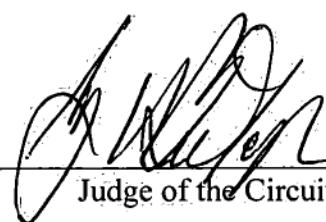
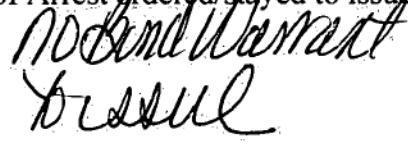
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The within indictment returned in open Court this 11th day of December, 2025.

Warrant of Arrest ordered/stayed to issue.

  
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Judge of the Circuit Court