Broward Death Row inmate to get new trial

A Broward County convicted murderer on Death Row will get a new trial.

In 2007, Omar Loureiro was found guilty in the stabbing death of James Lentry and sentenced to death by Circuit Judge Ana Gardiner.

Last year, prosecutor Sheila Alu came forward saying she had heard Gardiner and Assistant State Attorney Howard Scheinberg joking about the murder trial over dinner while the trial was ongoing. Scheinberg was the trial prosecutor.

Now, after a series of legal wranglings, Chief Judge Victor Tobin has thrown out Loureiro's sentence and ordered a new trial, said Bruce Rogow, a lawyer hired by the Broward State Attorney's Office to handle the matter.

Gardiner has since been transferred from the criminal to the civic section.

Scheinberg is a private lawyer.