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**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF FEMALE OFFENDERS:**

**PRESENT FEMALE DEATH ROW INMATES AND  
DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS OF FEMALE OFFENDERS,  
JANUARY 1, 1973, TO DECEMBER 31, 1994**

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This eighteenth issue of this report documents twenty-two years of the death sentencing of female offenders under modern death penalty statutes in the United States. In 1988 I began to generate these reports in order to monitor this phenomenon. With the gracious assistance of so many people, more and more errors are edited out with each edition so that the data reported in each issue is intended to replace any inconsistent data reported in an earlier issue.

As of this writing, the death penalty for women is back in the headlines. The state of South Carolina is seeking the death penalty against Susan Smith, accused of drowning her young children last year. This is an unusual case, in that the death penalty for a mother who murders her own children is quite rare. Only eight (8%) of the 103 death sentences imposed upon female offenders since 1973 have been for the murder of their own children, and only three (8%) of the thirty-eight women offenders now under death sentences have committed such crimes.

In general, both the female death sentencing rate and the female death row population remain very small in comparison to that for males. Actual execution of female offenders is quite rare, with only about 520 documented instances beginning with the first in 1632. These 520 female executions constitute less than 3% of the total of approximately 19,000 confirmed executions since 1608. The last female offender executed was Velma Barfield in North Carolina on November 2, 1984, the only female among the about 260 offenders executed in the post-Furman era (1973 - 1994). Prior to this current era, the last female offender executed was Elizabeth Ann Duncan, executed by California on August 8, 1962. The annual rate of death sentences for female offenders has remained around five (or under 2% of the annual total) for many years.

#### FEMALE DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED, 1973 - 1994:

The current American death penalty era began when new death penalty statutes were passed following the Supreme Court's decision in Furman in 1972, which in effect struck down all then-existing death penalty statutes. Sentencing began under the new statutes in 1973 and continues through today. Although the constitutionality of these current era statutes was not recognized formally by the United States Supreme Court until 1976 in Gregg and actual executions did not begin until 1977, the current era of sentencing began in 1973.

Table 1 on the next page lists the sentences imposed each year according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and to my research. A total of 103 female death sentences have been imposed, under 2% of the total of about 5,287 death sentences for all offenders. Despite some fluctuations particularly in the early years of this period, the death sentencing rate for female offenders was typically about five per year beginning in the 1980s.

TABLE 1

DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED UPON FEMALE OFFENDERS,  
JANUARY 1, 1973, TO DECEMBER 31, 1994

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Death Sentences*</u>	<u>Female Death Sentences</u>	<u>Portion of Total</u>
1973	42	1	2.4%
1974	167	1	0.6%
1975	322	7	2.2%
1976	249	3	1.2%
1977	159	1	0.6%
1978	209	4	1.9%
1979	172	4	2.3%
1980	198	2	1.0%
1981	245	3	1.2%
1982	264	5	1.9%
1983	259	4	1.5%
1984	280	8	2.9%
1985	273	5	1.8%
1986	297	3	1.0%
1987	299	5	1.7%
1988	296	5	1.7%
1989	251	11	4.4%
1990	244	7	2.8%
1991	266	6	2.3%
1992	265	10	3.8%
1993	265**	5	1.9%
<u>1994</u>	<u>265**</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Totals:	5,287**	103	1.9%

\* Sources of data: U.S. Dept. of Justice, SOURCEBOOK OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS 1992 at 673, Table 6.132 (1993); U.S. Dept. of Justice, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 1992 at 1 (1993).

\*\* Estimates

In 1989 this annual death sentencing rate doubled for reasons unknown. In 1990 and 1991, the sentencing rate seemed to have returned to just above the pre-1989 levels. Then the rate surged to ten in 1992, portending an annual rate again nearly double that of the 1980s. This is about 4% of the death sentences imposed in 1992, suggesting a significant increase in the rate of the death sentencing of female offenders. However, four of these ten female death sentences in 1992 were imposed on the same person (Aileen Wuornos in Florida), leaving only six other female death sentences during 1992. Total female death sentences then returned to the normal level -- five in 1993. Surprisingly, only three female

offenders were sentenced to death in 1994. In any event, the number of female offenders sentenced to prison death rows each year remains under 0.2% of the approximately 3,700 women sentenced to prison each year.

Of these 103 death sentences for female offenders, only thirty-eight sentences (imposed upon thirty-five females) remain currently in effect (see Table 3 below). One such sentence resulted in an execution (Velma Barfield) and another sixty-four death sentences were reversed or commuted to life imprisonment. Thus, for the sixty-five death sentences finally resolved (excluding the thirty-eight still in effect and still being litigated), the reversal rate for female death sentences in the current era is over 98% (64/65).

These 103 death sentences for female offenders have been imposed in twenty-three individual states, comprising well over half of the death penalty jurisdictions during this time period. Table 2 on the next page lists all death penalty jurisdictions which have imposed death sentences on female offenders since 1973.

As Table 2 indicates, two states (Florida and North Carolina) account for one-quarter of all such sentences. The first ten states have imposed three-quarters of female death sentences. These dominant sentencing states range from North Carolina to California and from Texas and Florida to Ohio.

Appendix A to this report (pp. 7-11) provides a more detailed listing of name, race, jurisdiction, dates of crimes and sentences, and current status for each female death sentence. While the sources of this information are many, the major sources are the outstanding data gathering effort of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (particularly their newsletter, Death Row, U.S.A.), and the equally fine monitoring effort of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

TABLE 2

STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN OF DEATH  
SENTENCES FOR FEMALES, 1973-1994

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Sentencing State</u>	<u>Race of Offender</u>				<u>Total Female Sentences</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	<u>American Indian</u>	
1	Florida	11	2	1	0	14
2	North Carolina	8	3	0	1	12
3	Ohio	3	6	0	0	9
4	California	3	3	1	0	7
	Texas	6	1	0	0	7
6	Alabama	4	2	0	0	6
	Mississippi	4	2	0	0	6
	Oklahoma	5	1	0	0	6
9	Georgia	4	1	0	0	5
	Illinois	1	3	1	0	5
	Missouri	4	0	1	0	5
12	Indiana	2	2	0	0	4
13	Maryland	1	0	0	2	3
	Pennsylvania	1	2	0	0	3
15	Kentucky	2	0	0	0	2
	Nevada	1	1	0	0	2
17	Arizona	1	0	0	0	1
	Arkansas	1	0	0	0	1
	Idaho	1	0	0	0	1
	Louisiana	1	0	0	0	1
	New Jersey	1	0	0	0	1
	South Carolina	1	0	0	0	1
	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	Totals	67	29	4	3	103

## CURRENT FEMALE DEATH ROW INMATES:

Of the 103 death sentences imposed upon ninety-seven offenders since 1973, only thirty-eight females remain on the death rows of fourteen states (see Table 3 on the next page). These thirty-eight female offenders on death row constitute only 1.3% of the total death row population of about 3,000 and less than 0.1% of the approximately 50,000 women in prison in the United States.

Nearly two-thirds of the women on death row are white. One fourth were in their forties or older at the time of their crimes, with the total age range remarkably from eighteen to sixty-seven. Two-thirds of their victims were white and two-thirds were adult males (where these data are known). The most typical crimes of these women involved the murder of the offender's husband or lover. Several of these female offenders were battered women who killed their batterers or victims chosen by their batterers.

TABLE 3

CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFENDERS AND VICTIMS IN FEMALE  
DEATH PENALTY CASES CURRENTLY IN FORCE, DECEMBER 31, 1994

Offenders

<u>Age at Crime</u>		<u>Race</u>	
Under 21	= 4 (11%)	B	= 12 (32%)
21-30	= 13 (34%)	L	= 3 (8%)
31-40	= 12 (32%)	W	= <u>23 (61%)</u>
41-50	= 4 (11%)		38 (100%)
51-60	= 4 (11%)		
61-70	= <u>1 (3%)</u>		
	38 (100%)		

Victims

<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Under 18 = 8 (16%)	A = 1 (2%)	M = 37 (67%)
18 & over = <u>41 (84%)</u>	B = 11 (21%)	F = <u>18 (33%)</u>
49 (100%)	L = 6 (11%)	55 (100%)
Unknown = <u>7</u>	W = <u>35 (66%)</u>	Unknown = <u>1</u>
56	53 (100%)	56
	Unknown = <u>3</u>	
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The present ages of these thirty-eight female death row inmates range from twenty-three to seventy-five. They have been on death row from a month to over twelve years. Despite the statistically high probability (over 98%) that death-sentenced female offenders will never be executed, some of these women have nearly exhausted their appeals. Another execution of a female offender seems likely within the next few years.

Appendix B to this report (pp. 12-15) sets forth the names of these offenders and some brief details about their crimes and sentences. Multiple sentencing dates mean that the earlier death sentence was reversed but then a new death sentence was imposed.

APPENDIX A

FEMALE DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED,  
JANUARY 1, 1973, TO DECEMBER 31, 1994

YEAR	OFFENDER'S NAME	RACE	STATE	DATE OF CRIME	DATE OF SENTENCE	CURRENT STATUS
1973	Ward, Mamie Lee	B	N.C.	7-19-73	9-17-73	reversed in 1976
1974	Hunt, Rozell O.	AI	N.C.	7-1-73	6-10-74	reversed in 1976
1975	Boykin, Margie	W	N.C.	8-14-75	12-1-75	reversed in 1976
	Dodds, Catherine	W	La.	1-27-75	?-?-75	reversed in 1976
	Glenn, Mabel	B	Cal.	3-?-75	10-21-75	reversed in 1979
	Lockett, Sandra	B	Ohio	1-15-75	4-?-75	reversed in 1978
	Osborne, Alberta	W	Ohio	12-15-74	6-2-75	reversed in 1978
	Sanders, Janet (AKA Miller)	W	Okla.	2-24-75	8-26-75	reversed in 1977
	Smith, Rebecca	W	Ga.	8-31-74	1-30-75	reversed in 1983
1976	Brown, Faye B.	B	N.C.	9-2-75	1-5-76	reversed in 1977
	Jacobs, Sonia	W	Fla.	2-20-76	8-20-76	reversed in 1981
	Wernert, Patricia	W	Ohio	11-18 -75	11-22-76	reversed in 1978
1977	Smith, Benita	B	Ohio	?	12-?-77	reversed in 1978
1978	Anderson, Mary	W	Texas	1-3-78	8-29-78	reversed in 1982?
	Barfield, Velma	W	N.C.	2-1-78	12-2-78	executed 11-2-84
	Bracewell, Debra	W	Ala.	8-15-77	5-17-78	reversed in 1981
	Detter, Rebecca	W	N.C.	6-2-77	9-26-78	reversed in 1979

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFENDER'S NAME</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>DATE OF CRIME</u>	<u>DATE OF SENTENCE</u>	<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>
1979	Binsz, Michelle	W	Okla.	3-18-79	10-23-79	reversed in 1984
	Burnett, Linda	W	Texas	6-01-78	3-20-79	reversed in 1983
	Cunningham, Emma	W	Ga.	1-1-79	10-26-79	reversed in 1983
	Tyler, Shirley	B	Ga.	10-22-79	12-04-79	reversed in 1985
1980	O'Bryan, LaVerne	W	Ky.	7-5-79	9-12-80	reversed in 1982
	Perillo, Pamela	W	Texas	2-24-80	9-2-80 & 11-13-84	now on death row
1981	Buttrum, Janice	W	Ga.	9-3-80	8-31-81	reversed in 1989
	Stebbing, Annette	W	Md.	4-9-80	4-30-81	reversed in 1985
	Thomas, Patricia	B	Ala.	2-28-81	12-28-81	reversed in 1990
1982	Cannaday, Attina	W	Miss.	6-3-82	9-23-82	reversed in 1984
	Ford, Priscilla	B	Nev.	11-27-80	4-29-82	now on death row
	Foster, Doris	AI	Md.	1-29-81	2-8-82 & 4-4-84	commuted in 1987
	Smith, Nadean	W	Okla.	7-4-82	12-29-82	now on death row
	Whittington, Teresa	W	Ga.	1-2-82	5-7-82	reversed in 1984
1983	Grant, Rosalie	B	Ohio	4-1-83	10-21-83	commuted in 1991
	Neelley, Judith	W	Ala.	9-23-82	4-18-83	now on death row
	Summers, Sheila	W	Nev.	9-14-82	12-20-83	reversed in 1986
	Young, Sharon	W	Ohio	6-12-83	9-30-83	reversed in 1986

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YEAR	OFFENDER'S NAME	RACE	STATE	DATE OF CRIME	DATE OF SENTENCE	CURRENT STATUS
1984	Foster, Doris	AI	Md.	1-29-81	4-4-84	commuted
	Hendrickson, Pat.	W	Ark.	3-10-83	& 2-8-82 4-13-84	in 1987 reversed
	Jackson, Andrea	B	Fla.	5-16-83	2-10-84	in 1985 reversed
	Moore, Marie	W	N.J.	1- -83	& 2-21-92 11-19-84	in 1994 reversed
	Perillo, Pamela	W	Texas	2-24-80	11-13-84	in 1988 now on
	Tucker, Karla	W	Texas	6-13-83	& 9-2-80 4-25-84	death row now on
	Williamson, Celia	W	Miss.	3-23-82	3-14-84	death row reversed
	Windsor, Karla	W	Idaho	9-6-83	2-28-84	in 1987 reversed
						in 1985
1985	Beets, Betty	W	Texas	8-6-83	10-14-85	now on
	Brown, Debra	B	Ohio	7-13-84	6-18-85	death row commuted
	Buenoano, Judi	W	Fla.	9-16-71	& 6-23-86 11-26-85	in 1991 now on
	Houston, Judy	W	Miss.	6-03-84	11-30-85	death row reversed
	Thacker, Lois	W	Ind.	11-03-84	06-27-85	in 1988 reversed
						in 1990
1986	Brown, Debra	B	Ind.	6-18-84	6-23-86	now on
	Cooper, Paula	B	Ind.	5-14-85	& 6-18-85 7-11-86	death row reversed
	Owens, Gaile	W	Tenn.	2-17-85	1-15-86	in 1989 now on
						death row
1987	Caillier, Carla	W	Fla.	11-20-86	3-19-87	reversed
	Casteel, Dee Dyne	W	Fla.	8-20-83	9-16-87	in 1988 reversed
	Cox, Sue	W	N.C.	7-12-86	10-30-87	in 1990 reversed
	Dudley, Kaysie	W	Fla.	9-30-85	1-27-87	in 1992 reversed
	Foster, Lafonda	W	Ky.	3-9-86	4-24-87	in 1989 reversed
						in 1991

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1988	Green, Elizabeth	B	Ohio	1-4-88	7-11-88	commuted in 1991
	Haney, Judie	W	Ala.	1-1-84	11-18-88	now on death row
	Newton, Francis	B	Texas	4-7-87	11-17-88	now on death row
	Wacaser, Nila	W	Mo.	8-28-87	5-31-88	reversed in 1990
	Walker, Altione	W	Ala.	3-31-88	12-15-88	reversed in 1992
1989	Allen, Wanda	B	Okla.	12-1-88	4-26-89	now on death row
	Balfour, Susie	B	Miss.	10-7-88	10-14-89	reversed in 1992
	Coffman, Cynthia	W	Cal.	11-7-86	8-30-89	now on death row
	Harris, Louise	B	Ala.	3-11-88	8-11-89	now on death row
	Jones, Patricia	W	Okla.	4- -88	12-7-89	now on death row
	Lampkin, Beatrice	B	Ohio	11-4-88	4-26-89	commuted in 1991
	Landress, Cindy	W	Ind.	4-23-88	6-26-89	reversed in 1992
	Plantz, Marilyn	W	Okla.	8-26-88	3-31-89	now on death row
	Rivers, Delores	B	Pa.	1-30-88	3-16-89	now on death row
	Stager, Barbara	W	N.C.	2-1-88	5-19-89	reversed in 1991
	Twenter, Virginia	W	Mo.	5-4-88	1-6-89	reversed in 1991
1990	Butler, Sabrina	B	Miss.	4-11-89	3-14-90	reversed in 1992
	Hunt, Deidre	W	Fla.	10-20-89	9-13-90	reversed in 1992
	Jennings, Patricia	W	N.C.	9-19-89	11-5-90	now on death row
	MaHaley, Marilyn	W	N.C.	3-20-90	12-17-90	reversed in 1992
	McDermott, Maureen	W	Cal.	4-28-85	6-15-90	now on death row
	Moore, Blanche	W	N.C.	10-7-86	11-16-90	now on death row
	Smith, Rebecca	W	S.C.	7-17-89	12-10-90	reversed in 1992

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1991	Copeland, Faye	W	Mo.	1986-88	4-27-91	now on death row
	Gay, Yvette	B	N.C.	5-30-90	8-10-91	reversed in 1993
	Isa, Maria	L	Mo.	11-6-89	12-19-91	reversed in 1993
	Milke, Debra Jean	W	Ariz.	12-2-89	1-18-91	now on death row
	Smith, Geraldine	B	Ill.	6-?-87	2-20-91	now on death row
	Williams, Dorothy	B	Ill.	7-31-89	4-18-91	now on death row
1992	Alfaro, Maria	L	Cal.	6-15-90	7-14-92	now on death row
	Cardona, Ana	L	Fla.	11-2-90	4-1-92	now on death row
	Garcia, Guinevere	W	Ill	7-24-91	10-9-92	now on death row
	Hill, Doneta	B	Pa.	6-20-90	4-9-92	now on death row
	Jackson, Andrea	B	Fla.	& 3-24-91 5-16-83	2-21-92	reversed in 1994
	Phillips, Shirley	W	Mo.	10-3-89	& 2-10-84 4-6-92	now on death row
	Wuornos, Aileen	W	Fla	12-1-89 5-24-90 7-30-90 9-11-90	1-31-92 5-15-92 5-15-92 5-15-92	now on death row
1993	Ballenger, Vernice	W	Miss.	7-10-83	1-13-93	now on death row
	Larzelier, Virginia	W	Fla.	3-8-91	5-11-93	now on death row
	Mulero, Marilyn	L	Ill	5-12-92	11-12-93	now on death row
	O'Donnell, Kelly	W	Pa.	11-11-92	7-1-93	now on death row
	Thompson, Catherine	B	Calif.	6-14-90	6-10-93	now on death row
1994	Carrington, Celeste	B	Calif	1-26-92 & 3-11-92	11-23-94	now on death row
	Pulliam, Latasha	B	Ill	3-21-91	6-15-94	now on death row
	Samuels, Mary Ellen	W	Calif	12-8-88 & 6-?-89	9-16-94	now on death row

APPENDIX B

CASE SUMMARIES FOR CURRENT FEMALE  
DEATH ROW INMATES, DECEMBER 31, 1994

ALABAMA

Haney, Judy M.: White; age 32 at crime and now age 43 (DOB 6-29-51); murder (hired killer) of her white husband in Talladega County on 1-1-84; sentenced on 11- 18-88.

Harris, Louise: Black; age 34 at time of crime and now age 41 (DOB 6-16-53); murder (hired killer) of her black husband in Montgomery County on 3-11-88; sentenced on 8- 11-89.

Neelley, Judith Ann: White; age 18 at time of crime and now age 30 (DOB 6-7-64); kidnapping and murder of white female age 13 in DeKalb County on 9-28-82; sentenced on 4-18-83.

ARIZONA

Milke, Debra Jean: White; age 25 at crime and now age 30 (DOB: 3-10-64); murder of white male age 4 (her son) in Maricopa County on 12-2-89; sentenced on 1-18-91.

CALIFORNIA

Alfaro, Maria del Rosio (Rosie): Latino; age 18 at crime and now age 23; burglary, robbery and murder of Hispanic girl age 9 in Anaheim on 6-15-90; sentenced 7-14-92.

Carrington, Celeste Simone: Black; age 30 at crimes and now age 32; murders (during burglaries) of Hispanic male age 34 on 1-26-92 in San Carlos and of white female age 36 on 3-11-92 in Palo Alto; sentenced on 11-23-94.

Coffman, Cynthia: White; age 24 at crime and now age 32 (DOB 1-19-62); murder of white female age 20 in San Bernadino County on 11-7-86; sentenced on 8-30-89.

McDermott, Maureen: White; age 37 at crime and now age 47 (DOB 5-15-47); murder of white male age 27 in Van Nuys (Los Angeles County) on 4-28-85; sentenced on 6-8-90.

Samuels, Mary Ellen: White; age 40 at crimes and now age 47; murder (hired killer) of white male age 40 (her husband) on 12-8-88 in Northridge (Los Angeles County) and of white male age 27 (her husband's killer) on 6-?-89 in Ventura County; sentenced on 9-16-94.

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CALIFORNIA (continued)

Thompson, Catherine: Black; age 42 at crime and now age 46; murder (hired killer) of her husband in Westwood (Los Angeles County) on 6-14-1990; sentenced on 6-10-1993.

FLORIDA

Buenoana, Judias V. (AKA Judy Ann Goodyear): White; age 28 at crime and now age 51 (DOB 4-4-43); arsenic murder of white husband in Orlando on 9-16-71; sentenced on 11-26-85.

Cardona, Ana: Latino (Cuban); age 30 at crime and now age 34; murder of son age 3 in Miami Beach on 11-2-90; sentenced on 4-1-92.

Larzelere, Virginia Gail: White; age 38 at crime and now age 41 (DOB 12-27-52); murder of white male (her husband) about age 40 in Edgewater near Daytona Beach on 3-8-91; sentenced on 5-11-93.

Wuornos, Aileen Carol: White; age 33 at crime and now age 38 (DOB: 2-29-56); murder of white male age 51 in Volusia County near Daytona Beach on 12-1-89; sentenced 1-31-92; murder of white male age 43 in Citrus County on 5-24-90, white male age 50 in Volusia County on 7-30-90, and white male age 56 in Marion County near Ocala on 9-11-90; 3 additional death sentences imposed on 5-15-92.

ILLINOIS

Garcia, Guinevere: White, age 32 at crime and now age 35; murder of Hispanic male (her husband) age 60 on 7-24-91 in Du Page County; sentenced on 10-9-92.

Mulero, Marilyn: Latino; age 20 at crime and now age 24; murder of 2 Latino males both age 22 in Chicago on 5-12-92; sentenced on 11-12-93.

Pulliam, Latasha: Black; age 19 at crime and now age 23; murder of black female age 6 (neighbor's child) in Chicago on 3-21-91; sentenced on 6-15-94.

Smith, Geraldine: Black, age 39 at crime and now age 47; hired man to kill her lover's wife (black female, age 37) in Chicago in June 1987; sentenced on 2-20-91.

Williams, Dorothy: Black, age 35 at crime and now age 40; robbery and murder of black female age 97 in Chicago on 7-31-89; sentenced on 4-18-91.

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INDIANA

Brown, Debra Denise: Black; age 21 at crime and now age 32 (DOB 11-11-62); murder of black female age 7 in Gary on 6-18-84; sentenced on 6-23-86.

MISSISSIPPI

Ballenger, Vernice: White; age 46 at crime and now age 58; arson and murder of white female age 75 in Leake County on 7-10-83; sentenced on 1-13-93.

MISSOURI

Copeland, Faye: White; age 67 at crime and now age 75; murder of four white males ages 21, 27, 27, and unknown in Livingston County from Oct. 1986 through May 1989; sentenced on 4-27-91.

Phillips, Shirley Jo: White; age 53 at crime and now age 58; murder of white female age 66 in Springfield (Greene County) on 10-3-1989; sentenced on 4-6-92.

NEVADA

Ford, Priscilla: Black; age 51 at crime and now age 65 (DOB 2-10-29); murder of 3 white females and 3 white males in Reno on 11-27-80; sentenced on 4-29-82.

NORTH CAROLINA

Jennings, Patricia JoAnn [Wells]: White; age 47 at crime and now age 52 (DOB: 8-24-42); murder of white male age 77 (her husband) in Wilson County on 9-19-89; sentenced on 11-5-90.

Moore, Blanche Kiser [Taylor]: White; age 56 at crime and now age 61 (DOB: 2-17-33); murder of white male age 50 (her boyfriend) in Alamance County on 10-7-86; sentenced on 11-16-90.

OKLAHOMA

Allen, Wanda Jean: Black; age 29 at crime and now age 35 (DOB 8-17-59); murder of black female age 29 in Oklahoma County on 12-1-88; sentenced on 4-26-89.

Jones, Patricia Beth: White; age 36 at crime and now age 43; murder of white male adult and white female adult in Oklahoma County on 2-26-88; sentenced on 12-14-89.

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OKLAHOMA (continued)

Plantz, Marilyn Kay: White; age 27 at crime and now age 34 (DOB 10-19-60); murder (hired killed) of white male age 33 (her husband) in Oklahoma City on 8-26-88; sentenced on 3-31-89.

Smith, Lois Nadean: White; age 41 at crime and now age 54 (DOB 9-12-40); murder of white female adult in Gans (Sequoia County) on 7-4-82; sentenced 12-29-82.

PENNSYLVANIA

Hill, Doneta: Black; ages 23 and 24 at crimes and now age 27; murders of Asian male age 72 in Philadelphia on 6-20-90 and of black male age 21 in Philadelphia on 3-24-91; sentenced on 4-9-92.

O'Donnell, Kelly: White; age 25 at crime and now age 27; murder of white male age 50 in Philadelphia on 11-11-92; sentenced on 7-1-93.

Rivers, Delores: Black; age 34 at crime and now age 41 (DOB 12-25-53); murder of female age 74 in Philadelphia on 1-30-88; sentenced on 3-16-89.

TENNESSEE

Owens, Gaile Kirksey: White; age 32 at crime and now age 42 (DOB 9-22-52); hired someone to murder husband in Shelby County on 2-17-85; sentenced on 1-15-86.

TEXAS

Beets, Betty Lou: White; age 46 at crime and now age 57 (DOB 3-12-37); murder of adult white male (husband) in Athens (Henderson County) on 8-6-83; sentenced on 10-14-85.

Newton, Francis Elaine: Black; age 21 at crime and now age 29 (DOB 4-12-65); murder of husband (black male age 23), son (black male age 7), and daughter (black female age 2) in Houston on 4-7-87; sentenced on 11-17-88.

Perillo, Pamela Lynn: White; age 24 at crime and now age 39 (DOB 12-3-55); robbery and murder of white (?) male age 26 in Houston on 2-24-80; sentenced on 9-2-80 and 11-13-84.

Tucker, Karla Faye: White; age 23 at crime and now age 35 (DOB 11-18-59); murder of white female age 32 and white male age 27 in Houston on 6-13-83; sentenced on 4-25-84.