DEATH PENALTY FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS, JANUARY 1, 1973, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

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PREFACE

Beginning with the first legislative enactments of modern death penalty statutes in 1973, we now have nearly thirty-eight years of death sentences being imposed in American jurisdictions. This post-1973 time period is referred to as the current era of the death penalty, operating under quite different laws and procedures than did earlier death penalty eras. This report, now available primarily in electronic format, supersedes the written report, "Capital Punishment of Female Offenders," generated quarterly by this author from 1984 through early 1998. The burdens of constant corrections and updates, coupled with the difficulties of worldwide distribution of regular issues of a printed, hard copy report, led us to this electronic format.

The data herein are updated as often and as quickly as possible, with the last date of entry noted on the cover page. However, given the difficulty of gathering complete information from all jurisdictions and as soon as cases develop, these reports may under-report the number of female offenders under death sentences. The subjects of these reports are female offenders sentenced to death. They are not all referred to as women, since some were as young as fifteen years old at the time of their crimes. However, no such very young female offenders are currently under death sentences.

One final source of confusion and occasional inaccuracy is the difference between being legally under a sentence of death and being physically on a prison's death row. These reports chronicle the exact dates of imposition and reversal or removal of the death sentence by a court or executive officer. Therefore, the list of female offenders currently under death sentences excludes those for whom the sentence has been legally reversed or removed even if the case is still being reviewed or reconsidered. However, it is not uncommon for such a person to continue to be housed on the prison's death row even though no longer legally under a death sentence. The list also includes those female offenders under death sentences who are housed temporarily in local jails or prisons rather than the jurisdiction's death row prison. Such temporary housing typically occurs (1) when the individual has just been sentenced to death but not yet transported to the death row prison or (2) when she is serving as a witness or defendant in another trial or proceeding and must be located nearby. In either case, they are under sentences of death but are not physically on death row and often are not even known or listed by the prison officials.

It is left to other documents and to other organizations to argue about the pros and cons of this practice, with the hope that these data will inform those arguments and deliberations. Therefore, these reports take no position on the legality, the wisdom, or the morality of the death penalty for female offenders. The author of these reports has been involved with this issue for twenty-five years as a researcher and as an attorney. References to some of those involvements can be found in Appendix C to this report. Please feel free to contact the author if further information is desired.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

(1) From 1973 through late-2010, the leading states for sentencing women to death are California and Texas with nineteen each, Florida with seventeen, and North Carolina with sixteen.

(2) As of late-2010, California has sixteen women on death row, and Texas has ten.

(3) Currently on death row are fourteen women who killed their husbands or boyfriends, and another eleven women who killed their children. One other woman killed both her husband and her children, and three other women killed a young niece, nephew, or child in their care. These twenty-nine women account for over half of the fifty-five women now on death row.

(4) The most recent execution of a female offender was that of Teresa Lewis in Virginia on September 23, 20105.

(5) The most unusual fairly recent development is the rebirth of federal death penalties for women. No women had received federal death sentences in the entire current era (beginning in 1973) until one such sentence was imposed in late 2005 and another in early 2008.

SCREENING FEMALE OFFENDERS FROM THE DEATH PENALTY

(1) Women account for about 10.0% of murder arrests annually;

(2) Women account for only 2.0% (167 / 8,292) of death sentences imposed at the trial level;

(3) Women account for only 1.7% (55 / 3,261) of persons presently on death row; and

(4) Women account for only 1.0.% (12 / 1,232) of persons actually executed in this modern era.

DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED UPON FEMALE OFFENDERS IN CURRENT ERA

(1) A total of 167 death sentences have been imposed upon female offenders from 1973 through late-2010. Table 1 below provides these data by individual year.

(2) These 167 death sentences for female offenders constitute just 2% of all death sentences during this time period.

(3) The annual death sentencing rate for female offenders during the last decade has averaged four per year.

TABLE 1
DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED UPON FEMALE OFFENDERS,
JANUARY 1, 1973, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

Year	Total Death Sentences	Death Sentences For Females	Portion of Total
1973	42	1	2.4%
1974	149	1	0.7%
1975	298	8	2.3%
1976	233	3	1.3%
1977	137	1	0.7%
1978	185	4	2.1%
1979	151	4	2.6%
1980	173	2	1.1%
1981	223	3	1.3%
1982	267	5	1.8%
1983	252	4	1.6%
1984	284	8	2.8%
1985	262	5	1.9%
1986	300	3	1.0%
1987	287	5	1.7%
1988	291	5	1.7%
1989	258	11	4.2%
1990	251	6	2.4%
1991	268	7	2.6%
1992	287	10	3.5%
1993	295	6	2.0%
1994	328	5	1.5%
1995	326	7	2.1%
1996	323	2	0.6%
1997	281	2	0.7%
1998	306	7	2.3%
1999	284	4	1.4%
2000	235	8	3.4%
2001	167	2	1.2%
2002	169	5	3.0%
2003	154	2	1.3%
2004	140	5	3.6%
2005	138	5	3.6%
2006	122	5	4.0%
2007	119	1	0.8 %
2008	111	3	2.7%
2009	106	2	1.9%
2010*	90**	0	0.0%
Totals:	**8,292****	**167**	**2.0%**

* as of 10-31-2010 ** estimates

(4) The wide fluctuations in annual death sentencing rates are unexplained by changes in statutes, court rulings, or public opinion.

(5) These 167 death sentences for female offenders since 1973 have been imposed by twenty-five individual states and by the federal government, comprising about two-thirds of the thirty-nine death penalty jurisdictions during this time period. Table 2 below provides these data by jurisdiction and race of offender.

TABLE 2
STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN OF DEATH SENTENCES FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS, JANUARY 1, 1973, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

State:	Total Death Sentences	White Offenders	Black Offenders	Latina Offenders	Amer. Indian Offenders
Texas:	19	11	7	1	0
California:	19	10	3	6	0
Florida:	17	13	3	1	0
North Carolina:	16	10	4	0	2
Ohio:	12	6	6	0	0
Alabama:	11	8	3	0	0
Mississippi:	9	7	2	0	0
Oklahoma:	8	7	1	0	0
Illinois:	7	1	4	2	0
Pennsylvania:	7	3	4	0	0
Georgia:	6	5	1	0	0
Missouri:	5	4	0	1	0
Indiana:	4	2	2	0	0
Arizona:	3	3	0	0	0
Federal:	2	2	0	0	0
Kentucky:	3	3	0	0	0
Louisiana:	3	2	1	0	0
Maryland:	3	1	0	0	2
New Jersey:	3	3	0	0	0
Arkansas:	2	2	0	0	0
Idaho:	2	2	0	0	0
Nevada:	2	1	1	0	0
Tennessee:	2	2	0	0	0
Delaware:	1	1	0	0	0
South Carolina:	1	1	0	0	0
Virginia:	1	1	0	0	0
Totals:	**167**	**110**	**42**	**11**	**4**

(6) The top five states (Texas, California, Florida, North Carolina and Ohio) account for essentially half (83/167) of all such sentences since 1973.

(7) Virginia, a leading death penalty state for male offenders, has imposed only one death sentence on a female offender since 1973 (and executed her on 9-23-2010).

(8) Appendix A to this report provides a detailed listing of name, race, jurisdiction, dates of crimes and sentences, and current status for each female death sentence.

EXECUTIONS OF FEMALE OFFENDERS

(1) Actual execution of female offenders is quite rare, with only 569 documented instances in the 378 years from 1632 through late-2010.

(2) Beginning with the earliest American colonial period, executions of female offenders constitute about 2.8% (569 / 20,000) of all American executions.

(3) From 1900 through late-2010, 0.6% (51 / 8,557) of all executions have been of female offenders. Table 3 below provides these data by year and by executing jurisdiction.

(4) Comparing these post-1900 data with data from previous American eras reveals that this practice is even rarer now than in previous centuries.

TABLE 3
EXECUTIONS OF FEMALE OFFENDERS BY STATE,
JANUARY 1, 1900, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

State of Execution	Date of Execution	Name of Offender	Race of Offender	Age at Crime of Offender
Alabama	01-24-1930	Gilmore, Selena	Black	[adult]
	09-04-1953	Dennison, Earle	White	54
	10-11-1957	Martin, Rhonda Belle	White	48
	05-10-2002	Block, Linda Lyon	White	45
Arizona	02-21-1930	Dugan, Eva	White	49
Arkansas	05-02-2000	Riggs, Christina Marie	White	26
California	11-21-1941	Spinelli,Eithel Leta Juanita	White	52
	04-11-1947	Peete, Louise	White	58
	06-03-1955	Graham, Barbara	White	32
	08-08-1962	Duncan, Elizabeth Ann	White	58

Delaware	06-07-1935	Carey, May H.	White	52
Federal (NY)	06-19-1953	Rosenberg, Ethel[1]	White	37
Federal (MO)	12-18-1953	Heady, Bonnie Brown	White	41
Florida	03-30-1998	Buenoano, Judias	White	28
	10-09-2002	Wuornos, Aileen	White	33
Georgia	03-05-1945	Baker, Lena	Black	44
Illinois	1-28-1938	Porter, Marie	White	38
Louisiana	02-01-1929	LeBoeuf, Ada	White	38
	02-08-1935	Moore, Julia (Powers)	???	[adult]
	11-28-1942	Henri, Toni Jo (Annie)	White	26
Mississippi	01-13-1922	Perdue, Pattie	Black	[adult]
	10-13-1922	Knight, Ann	Black	[adult]
	04-29-1937	Holmes, Mary	Black	32
	05-19-1944	Johnson, Mildred Louise	Black	34
New York	03-29-1909	Farmer, Mary	White	29
	01-12-1928	Snyder, Ruth Brown	White	33
	08-09-1934	Antonio, Anna	White	27
	06-27-1935	Coo, Eva	White	40
	07-16-1936	Creighton, Mary Francis	White	36
	11-16-1944	Fowler, Helen	Black	37
	03-08-1951	Beck, Martha	White	29
North Carolina	01-01-1943	Phillips, Rosana Lightner	Black	25
	12-29-1944	Williams, Bessie May	Black	19
	11-02-1984	Barfield, Velma	White	52
Ohio	12-07-1938	Hahn, Anna Marie	White	32
	01-15-1954	Dean, Dovie Smarr	White	55
	06-12-1954	Butler, Betty	Black	25
Oklahoma	07-17-1903	Wright, Dora	Black	[adult]
	01-11-2001	Allen, Wanda Jean	Black	29
	05-01-2001	Plantz, Marilyn Kay	White	27
	12-04-2001	Smith, Lois Nadeen	White	41
Pennsylvania	02-23-1931	Schroeder, Irene	White	22
	10-14-1946	Sykes, Corrine	Black	22
South Carolina	01-15-1943	Logue, Sue Stidman	White	43
	01-17-1947	Stinette, Rose Marie	Black	49
Texas	02-03-1998	Tucker, Karla Faye	White	38
	02-24-2000	Beets, Betty Lou	White	46
	09-14-2005	Newton, Francis Elaine	Black	21
Vermont	12-08-1905	Rogers, Mary Mabel	White	21
Virginia	08-16-1912	Christian, Virginia	Black	17

[1]Ethel Rosenberg's capital crime was espionage, the only one of these 20th and 21st century executions of female offenders that was for a crime other than murder.

	09-23-2010	Lewis, Teresa	White	

(5) Executions of female offenders in the current era (1973 to late-2010) are listed in Table 4 below.

TABLE 4
EXECUTIONS OF FEMALE OFFENDERS BY STATES
DURING CURRENT ERA, JANUARY 1, 1973, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

Date of Execution	Date of Crime	Executing State	Name of Offender	Race & Age at Crime & Execution
11-02-1984	02-01-1978	North Carolina	Barfield, Velma	white; ages 52 & 58
02-03-1998	06-13-1983	Texas	Tucker, Karla Faye	white; ages 23 & 38
03-30-1998	09-16-1971	Florida	Buenoano, Judias	white; ages 28 & 54
02-24-2000	08-06-1983	Texas	Beets, Betty Lou	white; ages 46 & 62
05-02-2000	11-04-1997	Arkansas	Riggs, Christina Marie	white; ages 26 & 29
01-11-2001	12-01-1988	Oklahoma	Allen, Wanda Jean	black; ages 29 & 41
05-01-2001	08-26-1988	Oklahoma	Plantz, Marilyn Kay	white; ages 27 & 40
12-04-2001	07-04-1982	Oklahoma	Smith, Lois Nadeen	white; ages 41 & 61
05-10-2002	10-04-1993	Alabama	Block, Linda Lyon	white; ages 45 & 54
10-09-2002	12-01-1989; 05-24-1990; 07-30-1990; 09-11-1990	Florida	Wuornos, Aileen	white; ages 33 & 46
09-14-2005	04-07-1987	Texas	Newton, Francis Elaine	Black; ages 21 & 40
09-23-2010	10-30-2002	Virginia	Lewis, Teresa	White; ages 33 & 41

(6) Only twelve (1.0%) of the 1,232 total executions since 1973 have been of female offenders. This execution pace has changed recently, with only one (0.2%) of the 434 executions from 1973 to 1997 being a female offender. Since1998, eleven (1.4%) of the 798 total executions have been of female offenders.

(7) This recent (1998 to late-2010) execution pace matches almost exactly the execution pace beginning in 1900, so it appears that the 1973-1997 lull in executions of female offenders was atypical and that we have now returned to our normal rate.

FEMALES UNDER DEATH SENTENCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010

(1) Of the 167 death sentences imposed since 1973, only fifty-five women remained under sentences of death in eighteen states and under federal jurisdiction as of late 2010. Tables 5 and 6 below provide data describing the offenders and victims in these cases.

TABLE 5
CHARACTERISTICS OF *OFFENDERS* IN FEMALE
DEATH PENALTY CASES IN FORCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2009

Age of Offender at Crime	Current Age of Offender	Race of Offender
ages 18-19 = 4 (7%)	ages 20-29 = 3 (5%)	American Indian = 1 (2%)
ages 20-29 = 22 (40%)	ages 30-39 = 14 (25%)	Black = 12 (22%)
ages 30-39 = 20 (36%)	ages 40-49 = 21 (38%)	Latin = 6 (11%)
ages 40-49 = 7 (13%)	ages 50-59 = 11 (20%)	White = 36 (65%)
ages 50-59 = 2 (4%)	ages 60-69 = 5 (9%)	
	ages 70-79 = 1 (2%)	
Totals = 55(100%)	**55 (100%)**	**55 (100%)**

TABLE 6
CHARACTERISTICS OF *VICTIMS* IN FEMALE
DEATH PENALTY CASES IN FORCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2009

Age of Victim at Crime	Race and Sex of Victim
ages 0-4 = 8 (10%)	Asian Male = 1 (1%)
ages 5-9 = 16 (21%)	Asian Female = 1 (1%)
ages 10-19 = 11 (14%)	Black Male = 2 (3%)
ages 20-29 = 12 (15%)	Black Female = 3 (4%)
ages 30-39 = 12 (15%)	Latin Male = 8 12%)
ages 40-49 = 6 (8%)	Latin Female = 10 (13%)
ages 50-59 = 4 (5%)	White Male = 33 (42%)
ages 60-69 = 2 (3%)	White Female = 20 (26%)
ages 70-79 = 4 (5%)	
ages 80-89 = 3 (4%)	
Totals = 78 (100%)	**78 (100%)**

(2) These fifty-five women comprise only 1.7% of the approximately 3,261 persons currently on death row.

(3) One-quarter (14/55) of these fifty-five death-sentenced women killed their husbands or boyfriends; and another one-fifth (11/55) killed their children. One other woman killed both her husband and her children, and three other women killed a young niece, nephew, or child in their care.

(4) The present ages of these fifty-five female offenders range from 27 to 77 years old, and they have been on death row from less than one year to almost twenty-five years.

(5) Appendix B to this report provides 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
DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED ON FEMALES,
JANUARY 1, 1973, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2010

Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
1973:				
Ward, Mamie Lee; (black)	North Carolina	07-19-1973	09-17-1973	reversed in 1976
1974:				
Hunt, Rozell O.; (American Indian)	North Carolina	07-01-1973	06-10-1974	reversed in 1976
1975:				
Boykin, Margie; (white)	North Carolina	08-14-1975	12-01-1975	reversed in 1976
Dodds, Catherine; (white)	Louisiana	01-27-1975	??-??-1975	reversed in 1976
Glenn, Mabel; (black)	California	03-??-1975	10-21-1975	reversed in 1979
Kozeak, Marie; (white)	California	??-?? 1975	??-??-1975	reversed in 1976
Lockett, Sandra; (black)	Ohio	01-15-1975	04-??-1975	reversed in 1978
Osborne, Alberta; (white)	Ohio	12-15-1974	06-02-1975	reversed in 1978
Sanders, Janet [aka Miller]; (white)	Oklahoma	02-24-1975	08-26-1975	reversed in 1977
Smith, Rebecca; (white)	Georgia	08-31-1974	01-30-1975	reversed in 1983
1976:				
Brown, Faye B.; (black)	North Carolina	09-02-1975	01-05-1976	reversed in 1977
Jacobs, Sonia; (white)	Florida	02-20-1976	08-20-1976	reversed in 1981
Wernert. Patricia; white	Ohio	11-18-1975	11-22-1976	reversed in 1978
1977:				
Smith, Benita; (black)	Ohio	05-03-1977	11-30-1977	reversed in 1978
1978:				
Anderson, Mary; (white)	Texas	01-03-1978	08-29-1978	reversed in 1982?
Barfield, Velma; (white)	North Carolina	02-01-1978	12-02-1978	***EXECUTED ON 11-02-1984***
Bracewell, Debra; (white)	Alabama	08-15-1977	05-17-1978	reversed in 1981
Detter, Rebecca; (white)	North Carolina	06-02-1977	09-26-1978	reversed in 1979
1979:				
Binsz, Michelle; (white)	Oklahoma	03-18-1979	10-23-1979	reversed in 1984
Burnett, Linda; (white)	Texas	06-01-1978	03-20-1979	reversed in 1983
Cunningham, Emma; (white)	Georgia	01-01-1979	10-26-1979	reversed in 1983
Tyler, Shirley; (black)	Georgia	10-22-1979	12-04-1979	reversed in 1985
1980:				
O'Bryan, LaVerne; (white)	Kentucky	07-05-1979	09-12-1980	reversed in 1982
Perillo, Pamela; (white)	Texas	02-24-1980	9-2-1980 & 11-13-1984	reversed in 1998
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Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
1981:				
Buttrum, Janice; (white)	Georgia	09-03-1980	08-31-1981	reversed in 1989
Stebbing, Annette; (white)	Maryland	04-09-1980	04-30-1981	reversed in 1985
Thomas, Patricia; (black)	Alabama	02-28-1981	12-28-1981	reversed in 1990
1982:				
Cannaday, Attina; (white)	Mississippi	06-03-1982	09-23-1982	reversed in 1984
Ford, Priscilla; (black)	Nevada	11-27-1980	04-29-1982	died of natural causes in 2005
Foster, Doris; (American Indian)	Maryland	01-29-1981	2-8-1982 & 04-04-1984	commuted in 1987
Smith, Nadean; (white)	Oklahoma	07-04-1982	12-29-1982	***EXECUTED ON 12-2-2001***
Whittington, Teresa; (white)	Georgia	01-02-1982	05-07-1982	reversed in 1984
1983:				
Grant, Rosalie; (black)	Ohio	04-01-1983	10-21-1983	commuted in 1991
Neelley, Judith; (white)	Alabama	09-23-1982	04-18-1983	commuted in 1999
Summers, Sheila; (white)	Nevada	09-14-1982	12-20-1983	reversed in 1986
Young, Sharon; (white)	Ohio	06-12-1983	09-30-1983	reversed in 1986
1984:				
Foster, Doris; (American Indian)	Maryland	01-29-1981	4-4-1984 & 02-08-1982	commuted in 1987
Hendrickson, Patricia; (white)	Arkansas	03-10-1983	04-13-1984	reversed in 1985
Jackson, Andrea; (black)	Florida	05-16-1983	2-10-1984; 2-21-1992; & 12-13-95	reversed in 1997
Moore, Marie; (white)	New Jersey	01-??-1983	11-19-1984	reversed in 1988
Perillo, Pamela; (white)	Texas	02-24-1980	11-13-1984 & 9-2-1980	reversed in 1998
Tucker, Karla Faye; (white)	Texas	06-13-1983	04-25-1984	***EXECUTED ON 02-03-1998***
Williamson, Celia; (white)	Mississippi	03-23-1982	03-14-1984	reversed in 1987
Windsor, Karla; (white)	Idaho	09-06-1983	02-28-1984	reversed in 1985
1985:				
Beets, Betty; (white)	Texas	08-06-1983	10-14-1985	***EXECUTED ON 02-24-2000***
Brown, Debra; (black)	Ohio	07-13-1984	06-18-1985 & 06-23-86	commuted in 1991
Buenoano, Judias; (white/Latina)	Florida	09-16-1971	11-26-1985	***EXECUTED ON 03-30-1998***
Houston, Judy; (white)	Mississippi	06-03-1984	11-30-1985	reversed in 1988
Thacker, Lois; (white)	Indiana	11-03-1984	06-27-1985	reversed in 1990
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Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
1986:				
Brown, Debra (black)	Indiana	06-18-1984	06-23-1986 & 06-18-85	would be on death row but in Ohio prison
Cooper, Paula; (black)	Indiana	05-14-1985	07-11-1986	reversed in 1989
Owens, Gaile; (white)	Tennessee	02-17-1985	01-15-1986	now on death row
1987:				
Caillier, Carla; (white)	Florida	11-20-1986	03-19-1987	reversed in 1988
Casteel, Dee Dyne; (white)	Florida	08-20-1983	09-16-1987	reversed in 1990
Cox, Donna Sue (Allen); (white)	North Carolina	07-12-1986	10-30-1987	reversed in 1992
Dudley, Kaysie; (white)	Florida	09-30-1985	01-27-1987	reversed in 1989
Foster, Lafonda; (white)	Kentucky	03-09-1986	04-24-1987	reversed in 1991
1988:				
Green, Elizabeth; (black)	Ohio	01-04-1988	07-11-1988	commuted in 1991
Haney, Judy M.; (white)	Alabama	01-01-1984	11-18-1988	reversed in 1997
Newton, Francis; (black)	Texas	04-07-1987	11-17-1988	***EXECUTED ON 09-14-2005***
Wacaser, Nila; (white)	Missouri	08-28-1987	05-31-1988	reversed in 1990
Walker, Altione; (white)	Alabama	03-31-1988	12-15-1988	reversed in 1992
1989:				
Allen, Wanda; (black)	Oklahoma	12-01-1988	04-26-1989	***EXECUTED ON 01-11-2001***
Balfour, Susie; (black)	Mississippi	10-07-1988	10-14-1989	reversed in 1992
Coffman, Cynthia; (white)	California	11-07-1986	08-30-1989	now on death row
Harris, Louise; (black)	Alabama	03-11-1988	08-11-1989	reversed in 2004
Jones, Patricia; (white)	Oklahoma	04-??-1988	12-07-1989	reversed in 1995
Lampkin, Beatrice; (black)	Ohio	11-04-1988	04-26-1989	commuted in 1991
Landress, Cindy; (white)	Indiana	04-23-1988	06-26-1989	reversed in 1992
Plantz, Marilyn; (white)	Oklahoma	08-26-1988	03-31-1989	***EXECUTED ON 05-01-2001***
Rivers, Delores; (black)	Pennsylvania	01-30-1988	03-16-1989	reversed in 2005
Stager, Barbara; (white)	North Carolina	02-01-1988	05-19-1989	reversed in 1991
Twenter, Virginia; (white)	Missouri	05-04-1988	01-06-1989	reversed in 1991
1990:				
Butler, Sabrina; (black)	Mississippi	04-11-1989	03-14-1990	reversed in 1992
Hunt, Deidre M.; (white)	Florida	10-20-1989	09-13-1990	reversed in 1992
Jennings, Patricia; (white)	North Carolina	09-19-1989	11-05-1990	now on death row
MaHaley, Marilyn; (white)	North Carolina	03-17-1990	12-17-1990	reversed in 1992
McDermott, Maureen; (white)	California	04-28-1985	06-15-1990	now on death row
Smith, Rebecca; (white)	South Carolina	07-17-1989	12-10-1990	reversed in 1992
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1991:				
Copeland, Faye; (white)	Missouri	1986-1988	04-27-1991	reversed in 1999
Gay, Yvette; (black)	North Carolina	05-30-1990	08-10-1991	reversed in 1993
Isa, Maria; (Latina)	Missouri	11-06-1989	12-19-1991	reversed in 1993
Milke, Debra Jean; (white)	Arizona	12-02-1989	01-18-1991	now on death row
Moore, Blanche; (white)	North Carolina	10-07-1986	1-18-1991	now on death row
Smith, Geraldine; (black)	Illinois	06-??-1987	02-20-1991	reversed in 1997
Williams, Dorothy; (black)	Illinois	07-31-1989	04-18-1991	commuted in 2003
1992:				
Alfaro, Maria; (Latina)	California	06-15-1990	07-14-1992	now on death row
Cardona, Ana; (Latina)	Florida	11-02-1990	04-01-1992	reversed in 2002
Garcia, Guinevere; (white)	Illinois	07-24-1991	10-09-1992	commuted in 1996
Hill, Doneta; (black)	Pennsylvania	06-20-1990	4-9-1992 & 03-24-1991	reversed in 2005?
Jackson, Andrea; (black)	Florida	05-16-1983	02-21-1992; 02-10-1984; & 12-13-95	reversed in 1997
Phillips, Shirley; (white)	Missouri	10-03-1989	04-06-1992	reversed in 1997
Wuornos, Aileen; (white)	Florida	12-01-1989; 05-24-1990; 07-30-1990; & 9-11-90	01-31-1992; 05-15-1992; 05-15-1992; & 5-15-92	***EXECUTED ON 10-09-2002***
1993:				
Ballenger, Vernice; (white)	Mississippi	07-10-1983	01-13-1993	reversed in 2000
Larzelier, Virginia; (white)	Florida	03-08-1991	05-11-1993	reversed in 2005
Mulero, Marilyn; (Latina)	Illinois	05-12-1992	11-12-1993	reversed in 1997
O'Donnell, Kelly; (white)	Pennsylvania	11-11-1992	07-01-1993	reversed in 1999
Row, Robin Lee; (white)	Idaho	02-10-1992	12-16-1993	now on death row
Thompson, Catherine; (black)	California	06-14-1990	06-10-1993	now on death row
1994:				
Carrington, Celeste; (black)	California	01-26-1992 & 3-11-92	11-23-1994	now on death row
King, Carolyn; (black)	Pennsylvania	10-??-1993	11-30-1994	now on death row
Lyon, Linda [Block]; (white)	Alabama	10-04-1993	12-21-1994	***EXECUTED ON 05-10-2002***
Pulliam, Latasha; (black)	Illinois	03-21-1991	06-15-1994	commuted in 2003
Samuels, Mary E.; (white)	California	12-08-1988 & 6-?-1989	09-16-1994	now on death row
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Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
1995:				
Dalton, Kerry Lyn; (white)	California	06-26-1988	05-23-1995	now on death row
Frank, Antoinette; (black)	Louisiana	03-04-1995	09-13-1995	now on death row
Henderson, Cathy; (white)	Texas	01-21-1994	05-25-1995	now on death row
Jackson, Andrea H.; (black)	Florida	05-16-1983	12-13-1995; 02-10-1984; & 02-21-92	reversed in 1997
Sheppard, Erica; (black)	Texas	06-30-1993	03-03-1995	now on death row
Spunaugle, Delpha; (white)	Oklahoma	08-15-1993	03-31-1995	reversed in 1997
Young, Caroline; (Latina)	California	06-18-1993	10-27-1995	died of natural causes in 2005
1996:				
Anderson, Melanie; (white)	North Carolina	08-24-1994	09-26-1996	reversed in 2003
Pike, Christa Gail; (white)	Tennessee	01-12-1995	03-29-1996	now on death row
1997:				
Nelson, Leslie; (white)	New Jersey	04-20-1995	05-??-1997 & 03-30-01	reversed in 2002
Routier, Darlie; (white)	Texas	06-06-1996	02-04-1997	now on death row
1998:				
Brookshire, Kelly; (white)	Georgia	02-07-1997	11-20-1998	now on death row
Buenrostro, Dora; (Latina)	California	10-25-1994	10-02-1998	now on death row
Gonzalez, Veronica; (Latina)	California	07-21-1995	07-20-1998	now on death row
Holberg, Brittany; (white)	Texas	11-13-1996	03-27-1998	now on death row
McCarthy, Kimberly; (black)	Texas	07-28-1997	12-??-1998 & 11-01-02	now on death row
Riggs, Christina; (white)	Arkansas	11-04-1997	06-30-1998	***EXECUTED ON 05-02-2000***
Williams, Jacqueline; (black)	Illinois	11-16-1995	05-11-1998	commuted in 2003
1999:				
Basso, Susan; (white)	Texas	08-28-1998	09-01-1999	now on death row
Eubanks, Susan; (white)	California	10-27-1996	10-13-1999	now on death row
Mata, Bernina; (Latina)	Illinois	06-27-1998	10-28-1999	commuted in 2003
Parker, Carlette; (black)	North Carolina	05-12-1998	04-01-1999	now on death row
2000:				
Byrom, Michelle; (white)	Mississippi	06-04-1999	11-18-2000	now on death row
Carlson, Doris; (white)	Arizona	10-25-1996	03-31-2000	reversed in 2002
Caudill, Virginia; (white)	Kentucky	03-15-1998	03-24-2000	now on death row
Johnson, Shonda; (white)	Alabama	12-01-1999	01-19-2000	reversed in 2005
Kemmerlin, Chris; (white)	North Carolina	03-24-1999	10-18-2000	reversed in 2002
Nieves, Sandi; (white)	California	06-30-1998	10-06-2000	now on death row
Tharp, Michelle; (white)	Pennsylvania	04-18-1998	11-14-2000	now on death row
Walters, Christina;(Amer. Indian)	North Carolina	08-17-1998	07-06-2000	now on death row

Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
2001:				
Markman, Beth Ann; (white)	Pennsylvania	10-04-2000	[2001]	reversed in 2007
Nelson, Leslie; (white)	New Jersey	04-20-1995	03-30-2001 & 05-??-97	reversed in 2002
2002:				
Blackmon, Patricia; (black)	Alabama	05-??-1999	06-07-2002	now on death row
Caro, Socorro; (Latina)	California	11-22-1999	04-05-2002	now on death row
Carty, Linda; (black)	Texas	05-16-2001	02-21-2002	now on death row
McCarthy, Kimberly; (black)	Texas	07-28-1997	11-01-2002 & 12-??-98	now on death row
Michaud, Michelle; (white)	California	12-02-1997	09-25-2002	now on death row
2003:				
Lewis, Teresa; (white)	Virginia	10-30-2002	06-03-2003	***EXECUTED ON 09-23-2010***
Roberts, Donna; (white)	Ohio	12-11-2001	06-21-2003; & 10-29-07	now on death row
2004:				
Andrew, Brenda; (white)	Oklahoma	11-20-2001	09-22-2004	now on death row
Adrian, Wendi; (white)	Arizona	10-08-2000	12-22-2004	now on death row
Berry, Kenisha; (black)	Texas	11-29-1998	02-19-2004	reversed in 2007
Charbonneau, Linda; (white)	Delaware	09-23-2001 & 10-17-01	06-04-2004	reversed in 2006
Rodriguez, Angelina; (Latina)	California	09-09-2000	01-12-2004	now on death row
2005:				
Diar, Nicole; (white)	Ohio	08-27-2003	11-02-2005	reversed in 2008
Gobble, Tierra (white)	Alabama	12-15-2004	10-26-2005	now on death row
Johnson, Angela; (white)	Federal (Iowa)	07-25-1993 & 11-05-93	12-20-2005	now on death row
Richardson, Chelsea; (white)	Texas	12-11-2003	06-01-2005	now on death row
Walter, Shonda; (black)	Pennsylvania	03-25-2003	04-19-2005	now on death row
2006:				
Chamberlain, Lisa Jo (white)	Mississippi	02-20-2004	08-04-2006	now on death row
Coleman, Lisa Ann (black)	Texas	07-26-2004	07-07-2006	now on death row
Fulgham, Kristi Leigh (white)	Mississippi	05-10-2003	12-09-2006	now on death row
Holmes, Brandy (white)	Louisiana	01-01-2003	02-21-2006	now on death row
Snyder, Janeen Marie (white)	California	04-17-2001	09-07-2006	now on death row
2007:				
Roberts, Donna; (white)	Ohio	12-11-2001	06-21-2003; & 10-29-07	now on death row
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Year, Name, and Race of Offender	**Sentencing Jurisdiction**	**Date of Crime**	**Date of Sentence**	**Current Status**
2008:				
Cole, Tiffany Ann; (white)	Florida	07-08-2005	03-06-2008	now on death row
Lucio, Melissa Elizabeth; (Latin)	Texas	02-16-2007	08-??-2008	now on death row
Montgomery, Lisa; (white)	Federal (MO)	12-16-2004	04-04-2008	now on death row
2009:				
Sarinano, Cathy Lynn	California	12-25-2005	06-29-2009	now on death row
Scott, Christie Michelle	Alabama	09-16-2008	08-??-2009	now on death row
2010:				
{apparently none]				

APPENDIX B
CASE SUMMARIES FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS UNDER DEATH SENTENCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010

ALABAMA

(last execution of female by Alabama on 5-10-2002)
(4 female offenders now on Alabama's death row)

Blackmon, Patricia: Black; age 29 at crime and now age 40 (DOB 11-3-1969); murder of black female age 2 (her adopted daughter) in Dothan in May 1999; sentenced on 6-7-2002.

Gobble, Tierra Capri: White; age 21 at crime and now age 27 (DOB: 4-18-1983); murder of white male age 4 months (her son) in Dothan on 12-15-2004; sentenced on 10-26-2005.

Johnson, Shonda Nicole (aka: Richards): White; age 28 at crime and now age 41 (DOB: 9-30-1969); murder of white male age 29 (1 of her 3 husbands) in Jasper (Walker County) on 11-30-1997; sentenced on 10-22-1999.

Scott, Christie Michelle: White; age 30 at crime and now age 32 (DOB: 8-10-1978); arson and murder of white male age 6 (her son) in Russellville (Franklin County) on 9-16-2008; jury recommended life sentence on 7-11-2009, but judge sentenced her to death in early August 2009.

ARIZONA

(last execution of female by Arizona on 2-21-1930)
(2 female offenders now on Arizona's death row)

Andriano, Wendi: White; age 30 at crime and now age 40 (DOB: 8-6-1970); murder of Latin (?) male age 33 (her husband) in Mesa on 10-8-2000; sentenced on 12-22-2004.

Milke, Debra Jean: White; age 25 at crime and now age 46 (DOB: 3-10-1964); murder of white male age 4 (her son) in Maricopa County on 12-2-1989; sentenced on 1-18-1991.

CALIFORNIA

(last execution of female by California on 8-8-1962)
(16 female offenders now on California's death row)

Alfaro, Maria del Rosio [aka Rosie]: Latin; age 18 at crime and now age 39 (DOB: 10-12-1971); burglary, robbery and murder of white female age 9 in Anaheim on 6-15-1990; sentenced 7-14-1992.

Buenrostro, Dora Luz: Latin; age 34 at crime and now age 50; murder of Latin females ages 4 and 9 and Latin male age 8 (her children) in San Jacinto on 10-25-1994 and 10-27-1994; sentenced on 10-2-1998.

Caro, Socorro: Latin; age 42 at crime and now age 53 (DOB: 3-27-1957); murder of Latin males ages 5, 8, and 11 (her children) in Santa Rosa Valley (Ventura County) on 11-22-1999; sentenced on 4-5-2002.

Carrington, Celeste Simone: Black; age 30 at crimes and now age 49; murders (during burglaries) of Latin male age 34 on 1-26-1992 in San Carlos and of white female age 36 in Palo Alto on 3-11-1992; sentenced on 11-23-1994.

Coffman, Cynthia Lynn: White; age 24 at crime and now age 48 (DOB 1-19-1962); murder of white female age 20 in San Bernardino County on 11-7-1986; sentenced on 8-31-1989.

Dalton, Kerry Lyn: White; age 28 at crime and now age 50; murder of white female age 23 in Live Oak Springs on 6-26-1988; sentenced on 5-23-1995.

Eubanks, Susan: White; age 33 at crime and now age 47; murder of four white males ages 4, 6, 7, and 14 (her children) in San Marcos (San Diego County) on 10-27-1996; sentenced on 10-13-1999.

Gonzalez, Veronica: Latin; age 26 at crime and now age 41; murder of Latin female age 4 (her niece) in San Diego on 7-21-1995; sentenced on 7-20-1998.

McDermott, Maureen: White; age 37 at crime and now age 63 (DOB 5-15-1947); murder of white male age 27 in Van Nuys (Los Angeles County) on 4-28-1985; sentenced on 6-8-1990.

Michaud, Michelle Lyn: White; age 38 at crime and now age 51; kidnapping, sexual assault, and murder of white female age 22 in Pleasanton (Alameda County) on 12-2-1997; sentenced on 9-25-2002.

Nieves, Sandi Dawn: White; age 34 at crime and now age 46; murder of four Latin females ages 5, 7, 11 and 12 (her children) in Saugus (north of Los Angeles) on 6-30-1998; sentenced on 10-6-2000.

Rodriguez, Angelina: Latin; age 32 at crime and now age 42; murder of Latin male age 41 (her husband) in Montebello (Los Angeles County) on 9-9-2000; sentenced on 1-12-2004.

Samuels, Mary Ellen: White; age 40 at crimes and now age 62; murder (she hired killer) of white male age 40 (her husband) on 12-8-1988 in Northridge (Los Angeles County) and of white male age 27 (her husband's killer) in Ventura County on 6-27-1989; sentenced on 9-16-1994.

Sarinano, Cathy Lynn: White; age 30 at crime and now age 35; murder of Latin male age 13 (her nephew) in Riverside on 12-25-2005; sentenced on 6-26-2009.

Snyder, Janeen Marie: White; age 21 at crime and now age 30; murder of white female age 16 in Rubidoux (Riverside County) on April 17, 2001; sentenced on September 7, 2006.

Thompson, Catherine: Black; age 42 at crime and now age 62; murder (she hired killer) of black male (her husband) in Westwood (Los Angeles County) on 6-14-1990; sentenced on 6-10-1993.

FEDERAL

(last execution of a female by the federal government on 12-18-1953)
(2 female offenders now on federal death row)

Johnson, Angela Jane: White; age 29 at crime and now age 46; murder of white male age 34, white female age 31, white female age 10, and white female age 6 in Mason City, Iowa on 7-25-1993; and murder of white male age 32 in Mason City, Iowa on 11-5-1993; sentenced on 12-20-2005.

Montgomery, Lisa M.: White; age 36 at crime and now age 42; murder of white female age 23 in Skidmore (Nodaway County), Missouri on 7-16-2004; sentenced on 4-4-2008.

FLORIDA

(last execution of female by Florida on 10-9-2002)
(1 female offender now on Florida's death row)

Cole, Tiffany Ann: White, age 23 at crime and now age 28; murder of white female age 61 and white male age 61 in Jacksonville (Duval County), Florida, on 7-8-2005; sentenced on 3-6-2008.

GEORGIA

(last execution of female by Georgia on 3-5-1945)
(1 female offender now on Georgia's death row)

Brookshire, Kelly Renee [aka Gissendaner]: White, age 28 at crime and now age 42 (YOB: 1968); murder of white male age 30 (her husband) in Gwinnett County on 2-7-1997; sentenced on 11-20-1998.

IDAHO

(Idaho has never executed a female offender)
(1 female offender now on Idaho's death row)

Row, Robin Lee: White; age 35 at crime and now age 53 (DOB 9-12-1957); murder/arson of white male age 34 (her husband), white male age 10 (her son), and white female age 8 (her daughter) in Boise on February 10, 1992; sentenced on 12-16-1993.

INDIANA

(Indiana has never executed a female offender)
(1 female offender now on Indiana's death row)

Brown, Debra Denise: Black; age 21 at crime and now age 47 (DOB 11-11-1962); murder of black female age 7 in Gary on 6-18-1984; sentenced on 6-23-1986; (serving life sentence in Ohio but sentenced to death in Indiana).

IOWA

(see Federal)

KENTUCKY

(last execution of female by Kentucky on 2-7-1868)
(1 female offender now on Kentucky's death row)

Caudill, Virginia Susan: White; age 37 at crime and now age 50 (DOB: 9-10-1960); robbery and murder of black female age 73 in Lexington on 3-15-1998; sentenced on 3-24-2000.

LOUISIANA

(last execution of female by Louisiana on 11-28-1942)
(2 female offenders now on Louisiana's death row)

Frank, Antoinette: Black; age 22 at crime and now age 39 (DOB: 4-30-1971); robbery and murder of white male age 25 (police officer), Asian male age 17, and Asian female age 24 in New Orleans on 3-4-1994; sentenced on 9-13-1995.

Holmes, Brandy: White; age 23 at crime and now age 30; robbery and murder of white male age 70 in Blanchard (Cado Parish) on 1-1-2003; sentenced on 2-21-2006.

MISSISSIPPI

(last execution of female by Mississippi on 5-19-1944)
(3 female offenders now on Mississippi's death row)

Byrom, Michelle: White; age 43 at crime and now age 53 (DOB: 11-3-1956); murder (she hired killer) of white male age 56 (her husband) in Tishomingo County on 6-4-1999; sentenced on 11-18-2000.

Chamberlin, Lisa Jo (aka Chamberlain): White; age 31 at crime and now age 38 (DOB: 9-30-1972); murder of white male age 34 and white female age 37 in Hattiesburg (Forrest County) on 3-20(?)-2004; sentenced on 8-4-2006.

Fulgham, Kristi Leigh: White; age 26 at crime and now age 34 (DOB: 8-27-1976); murder (she hired killer) of white male age 28 (her husband) in Longview (Oktibbeha County) on 5-10-2003; sentenced on 12-9-2006.

MISSOURI

(see Federal)

NORTH CAROLINA

(last execution of female by North Carolina on 11-2-1984)
(4 female offenders now on North Carolina's death row)

Jennings, Patricia JoAnn [aka Wells]: White; age 47 at crime and now age 68 (DOB: 8-24-1942); murder of white male age 77 (her husband) in Wilson County on 9-19-1989; sentenced on 11-5-1990.

Moore, Blanche Kiser [aka Taylor]: White; age 56 at crime and now age 77 (DOB: 2-17-1933); murder of white male age 50 (her boyfriend) in Alamance County on 10-7-1986; sentenced on 1-18-1991.

Parker, Carlette Elizabeth: Black; age 34 at crime and now age 47 (DOB: 6-12-1963); murder of white female age 86 in North Raleigh (Wake County) on 5-12-1998; sentenced on 4-1-1999.

Walters, Christina S.: American Indian; age 20 at crime and now age 32 (DOB: 7-15-1978); murder of white female age 19 and white female age 25 north of Fayetteville in Cumberland County on 8-17-1998; sentenced on 7-6-2000.

OHIO

(last execution of female by Ohio on 6-12-1954)
(1 female offender now on Ohio's death row)

Roberts, Donna Marie: White; age 58 at crime and now age 66 (DOB: 5-23-1944); murder of white male age 56 (her husband) near Warren (Trumbull County) on 12-11-2001; sentenced on 6-21-2003; reversed on 8-2-2006; resentenced on 10/29/2007.

OKLAHOMA

(last execution of a female by Oklahoma on 12-4-2001)
(1 female offender now on Oklahoma's death row)

Andrew, Brenda E.: White; age 37 at crime and now age 46 (DOB: 12-16-1963); murder of white male age 39 (her husband) in Oklahoma City on 11-20-2001; sentenced on 9-22-2004.

PENNSYLVANIA

(last execution of female by Pennsylvania on 10-14-1946)
(3 female offenders now on death row)

King, Carolyn Ann [aka Ewell; Goodman; Kline]: Black; age 28 at crime and now age 44 (DOB: 12-9-1965); robbery and murder of white female adult in October 1993 in Lebanon; sentenced on 11-30-1994.

Tharp, Michelle Sue: White; age 29 at crime and now age 41 (DOB: 1-20-1969); murder of white female age 7 (her daughter) in Burgettstown (Washington County) on 4-18-1998; sentenced on 11-14-2000.

Walter, Shonda Dee (aka Walters]: Black; age 23 at crime and now age 31 (DOB: 7-16-1979); murder of white male age 83 in Lock Haven (Clinton County) on 3-25-2003; sentenced on 4-19-2005.

TENNESSEE
(last execution of female by Tennessee in 1837)
(2 female offenders now on death row)

Owens, Gail Kirksey: White; age 32 at crime and now age 58 (DOB 9-22-1952); murder (she hired killer) of white male adult (her husband) in Shelby County on 2-17-1985; sentenced on 1-15-1986.

Pike, Christa Gail: White; age 18 at crime and now age 34 (DOB: 3-10-1976); murder of Latin female age 19 in Knoxville on 1-12-1995; sentenced on 3-29-1996.

TEXAS
(last execution of female by Texas on 9-14-2005)
(10 female offenders now on death row)

Basso, Suzanne Margaret: White; age 44 at crime and now age 56 (DOB: 5-15-1954); murder of white male (her boyfriend) age 59 in Houston (Harris County) on 8-25-1998; sentenced on 9-1-1999.

Carty, Linda Anita: Black; age 42 at crime and now age 52 (DOB: 10-5-1958); kidnapping and murder of Latin female age 20 (and victim's infant son) in Houston (Harris County) on 5-16-2001; sentenced on 2-21-2002.

Coleman, Lisa: Black; age 28 at crime and now age 34; murder of black male age 9 in Arlington (Tarrant County) on 7-26-2004; sentenced on 7-7-2006.

Henderson, Cathy Lynn: White; age 37 at crime and now age 53 (DOB: 12-27-1956); murder of white male age 3 months (she was babysitter) near Austin (Travis County) on 1-21-1994; sentenced on 5-25-1995.

Holberg, Brittany Marlowe: White; age 23 at crime and now age 37 (DOB: 1-7-1973); murder of white male age 80 in Amarillo (Randall County) on 11-13-1996; sentenced on 3-27-1998.

Lucio, Melissa Elizabeth: Latin; age 38 at crime and now age 42 (DOB: 7-18-1968); murder of Latin female age 2 _ (her daughter) in Harlington (Cameron County) on 2-16-2007; sentenced on 8-??-2008.

McCarthy, Kimberly Lagayle: Black; age 36 at crime and now age 49 (DOB: 5-11-1961); murder of white female age 71 in Lancaster (Dallas County) on 7-21-1997; sentenced on 12-?-1998; reversed in 2001; resentenced to death on 11-1-2002.

Richardson, Chelsea Lea: White; age 19 at crime and now age 26 (DOB: 3-26-1984); murder of white male age 46 and white female age 45 in Mansfield (Tarrant County) on 12-11-2003; sentenced on 6-1-2005.

Routier, Darla Lynn: White; age 26 at crime and now age 40 (DOB: 1-4-1970); murder of white male age 5 (her son) in Rowlett (Dallas County) on 6-6-1996; sentenced on 2-4-1997.

Sheppard, Erica Yvonne: Black; age 19 at crime and now age 37 (DOB: 9-1-1973); murder of white (?) female age 43 in Houston (Harris County) on 6-30-1993; sentenced on 3-3-1995.

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