



CRIMINAL CASE UPDATE

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JUDGE SETS EXECUTION DATE FOR MAN WHO RAPED AND MURDERED RIVERSIDE TEEN 30 YEARS AGO

RIVERSIDE – An execution date of Sept. 29, 2010, was set by a judge today, Aug. 30, 2010, for the man who raped and murdered a 15-year-old girl walking to school 30 years ago.

Per state law, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office asked a judge Monday to set an execution date for Albert Greenwood Brown, who was convicted 28 years ago and sentenced to death.

Brown has exhausted all his appellate remedies in the courts and his sentence should now be carried out. Brown does, however, have the right to file a clemency petition with the governor's office.

"We are confident the governor will make the right decision and not grant this man clemency," District Attorney Rod Pacheco said. "This man is pure evil and justice for this innocent young girl has already taken far too long. It is time for the sentence rendered by the jury 28 years ago to finally be carried out."

In October 1980, Brown attacked 15-year-old Susan Jordan as she walked along Victoria Avenue on her way to Arlington High School in Riverside. Brown pulled Susan into a nearby orange grove where he raped and murdered her. After the murder, Brown called the girl's parents and told them they would never see her alive again and they could find Susan in this particular orange grove.

Brown had been paroled from state prison just four months earlier after being convicted of a 1977 rape of a 14-year-old girl. In the case of Susan Jordan, Brown chose not to leave his victim alive.

In 1982, Brown was convicted of Susan's rape and murder and ultimately sentenced to death. All of his state and federal appeals and habeas corpus issues have now been exhausted.

Today, Aug. 30, 2010, in Dept. 52 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside, Superior Court Judge Roger Luebs set Brown's execution date.

In capital cases, once the defendant has exhausted all his or her appellate remedies in the courts, the District Attorney in the jurisdiction of the crime then makes a motion for a public session at which a judge sets the execution date.

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