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# OF ARIZONA
# DEATH ROW INMATES

CRIMINAL APPEALS / CAPITAL LITIGATION DIVISION
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| Lopez, Jose | H | | | | 1-05-10 | |
| Sanchez, Cesario | H | | | | 12-02-10 | |
| Barela, Rafael | H | | | | 12-02-10 | |
| Franco, Dominago | H | | | | 7-07-11 | |
| Gallego, Alejandra | H | | | | 7-28-11 | |
| Villalobo, Ramon | H | | 17 Ariz. 261 | 9-17-15 | 12-10-15 | |
| Rodriquez, Francisco | H | 4-02-11 | 14 Ariz. 166 | 7-15-12 | 5-19-16 | 5 yr., 2 mo. |
| Chavez, N.B. | H | | 18 Ariz. 80 | 3-31-16 | 6-09-16 | |
| Peralta, Miguel | H | | 18 Ariz. 79 | 3-31-16 | 7-07-16 | |
| Torrez, Simplicio | H | 5-03-19 | 21 Ariz. 65 | 12-01-19 | 4-16-20 | 11 mo. |
| Dominguez, Pedro | H | | | | 1-14-21 | |
| Martin, Nichan | H | 10-04-17 | 22 Ariz. 275 | 4-04-21 | 9-09-21 | 3 yr., 11 mo. |
| Lauterio, Ricardo | H | 11-08-20 | 23 Ariz. 12 | 10-19-21 | 1-13-22 | 1 yr., 2 mo. |
| Roman, Tomas | H | 1-11-21 | 23 Ariz. 67 | 10-29-21 | 1-13-22 | 1 yr. |
| West, Theodore | C | 7-24-21 | 24 Ariz. 237 | 7-29-22 | 9-29-22 | 1 yr., 2 mo. |
| Hadley, Paul V. | C | 11-15-21 | 25 Ariz. 23 | 2-06-23 | 4-13-23 | 1 yr., 5 mo. |
| Martinez, Manuel | H | | | | 8-10-23 | |
| Ward, William B. | B | | | | 6-20-24 | |
| Flowers, Sam | B | 2-20-23 | 27 Ariz. 70 | 11-03-24 | 1-09-25 | 1 yr., 11 mo. |
| Lawrence, William | C | 2-05-25 | 29 Ariz. 247 | 11-06-25 | 1-08-26 | 11 mo. |
| Blackburn, Charles J. | C | 11-04-25 | 31 Ariz. 427 | 3-16-27 | 5-20-27 | 1 yr., 6 mo. |
| Sam, B.W.L. | O | 10-20-26 | 33 Ariz. 383 | 3-19-28 | 6-22-28 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Chin, Shew | O | 10-20-26 | 33 Ariz. 419 | 3-19-28 | 6-22-28 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Har, Jew | O | 10-20-26 | 33 Ariz. 420 | 3-19-28 | 6-22-28 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Long, Gee King | O | 10-20-26 | 33 Ariz. 420 | 3-19-28 | 6-22-28 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Dugan, Eva | C | 1-14-27 | 36 Ariz. 36 | 12-02-29 | 2-21-30 | 3 yr., 2 mo. |
| Macias, Refugio | H | | 38 Ariz. 140 | 12-30-29 | 3-07-30 | |
| Young, Herbert | C | 3-18-30 | 38 Ariz. 298 | 6-02-31 | 8-21-31 | 1 yr., 5 mo. |

## EXECUTIONS BY LETHAL GAS AT THE ARIZONA STATE PRISON

| | Race | Killing | Opinion cite | Op. date | Execution | Time from killing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hernandez, Manuel | H | 1-21-33 | 43 Ariz. 424 | 4-26-34 | 7-06-34 | 1 yr., 6 mo. |
| Hernandez, Fred | H | 1-21-33 | 43 Ariz. 442 | 4-26-34 | 7-06-34 | 1 yr., 6 mo. |
| Shaughnessy, George J. | C | 7-07-33 | 43 Ariz. 445 | 5-04-34 | 7-13-34 | 1 yr. |
| Douglas, Louis S. | C | 2-07-33 | 44 Ariz. 84 | 6-25-34 | 8-31-34 | 1 yr., 6 mo. |
| Sullivan, Jack | C | 3-13-35 | 47 Ariz. 224 | 3-02-36 | 5-15-36 | 1 yr., 2 mo. |
| Rascon, Frank | H | 6-11-35 | 47 Ariz. 501 | 5-01-36 | 7-10-36 | 1 yr., 1 mo. |
| Cochrane, Roland H. | C | 1-03-35 | 48 Ariz. 124 | 7-13-36 | 10-02-36 | 1 yr., 9 mo. |
| Duarte, Frank | C | 7-09-35 | 48 Ariz. 356 | 11-02-36 | 1-08-37 | 1 yr., 6 mo. |
| Patton, Ernest | B | 12-25-36 | 50 Ariz. 32 | 6-07-37 | 8-13-37 | 8 mo. |
| Anderson, Bert | C | 12-23-36 | 50 Ariz. 36 | 6-07-37 | 8-13-37 | 8 mo. |
| Knight, David B. | C | 12-29-35 | 50 Ariz. 108 | 6-29-37 | 9-03-37 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Odom, Elvin J. | C | | | | 1-14-38 | |
| Short, Archie L. | C | 6-07-38 | 53 Ariz. 185 | 2-20-39 | 4-28-39 | 11 mo. |
| Conner, Frank | B | | 54 Ariz. 68 | 7-10-39 | 9-23-39 | |
| Burgunder, Robert | C | 4-29-39 | 55 Ariz. 411 | 6-06-40 | 8-09-40 | 1 yr., 3 mo. |
| Levice, J.C. | B | 1-08-42 | 59 Ariz. 472 | 10-19-42 | 1-08-43 | 1 yr. |
| Sanders, Charles | B | 1-08-42 | 59 Ariz. 472 | 10-19-42 | 1-08-43 | 1 yr. |
| Cole, Grady B. | B | 1-08-42 | 59 Ariz. 472 | 10-19-42 | 1-08-43 | 1 yr. |
| Rawlins, James C. | C | | | | 2-19-43 | |
| Macias, Elisandro L. | H | | 60 Ariz. 93 | 12-07-42 | 4-27-43 | |
| Ransom, John E. | B | | 62 Ariz. 11 | 10-23-44 | 1-05-45 | |
| Smith, Lee A. | C | 8-08-43 | 62 Ariz. 145 | 1-29-45 | 4-06-45 | 1 yr., 8 mo. |
| Holley, U.L. | B | | | | 4-13-45 | |
| Serna, Angel B. | H | 12-29-47 | 69 Ariz. 181 | 11-21-49 | 7-29-50 | 2 yr., 7 mo. |
| Lantz, Harold T. | C | 8-20-50 | 72 Ariz. 115 | 5-15-51 | 7-18-51 | 11 mo. |
| Folk, Carl J. | C | 12-01-53 | 78 Ariz. 205 | 12-30-54 | 3-04-55 | 1 yr., 3 mo. |
| Bartholomew, Lester E. | C | | | | 8-31-55 | |
| Coey, Leonard | C | 1-27-55 | 82 Ariz. 133 | 3-19-57 | 5-22-57 | 2 yr., 4 mo. |
| Thomas, Arthur | B | 3-17-53 | 78 Ariz. 52 | 10-18-54 | 11-17-58 | 5 yr., 8 mo. |
| Jordan, Richard L. | C | 5-25-54 | 83 Ariz. 248 | 1-14-58 | 11-22-58 | 4 yr., 6 mo. |
| Craft, Lonnie | B | | 85 Ariz. 143 | 12-31-58 | 3-07-59 | |
| Fenton, Robert D. | C | 2-23-58 | 86 Ariz. 111 | 6-17-59 | 3-11-60 | 2 yr., 1 mo. |
| Robinson, Honor | B | 12-21-58 | 89 Ariz. 224 | 3-22-61 | 10-31-61 | 2 yr., 10 mo. |
| McGee, Patrick M. | C | 7-15-59 | 91 Ariz. 101 | 3-28-62 | 3-08-63 | 3 yr., 8 mo. |
| Silvas, Manuel E. | H | 2-12-59 | 91 Ariz. 386 | 6-27-62 | 3-14-63 | 4 yr., 1 mo. |
| Harding, Donald E. | C | 1-25-80 | 137 Ariz. 278 | 9-06-83 | 4-06-92 | 12 yr., 3 mo. |
| LaGrand, Walter | C | 1-07-82 | 153 Ariz. 21 | 1-30-87 | 3-03-99 | 17 yr., 1 mo. |

## EXECUTIONS BY LETHAL INJECTION AT THE ARIZONA STATE PRISON

| | Race | Killing | Opinion cite | Op. date | Execution | Time from killing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brewer, John G. | C | 1-11-87 | 170 Ariz. 486 | 1-28-92 | 3-03-93 | 6 yr., 2 mo. |
| Clark, James D. | C | 12-04-77 | 126 Ariz. 428 | 7-25-80 | 4-14-93 | 15 yr., 4 mo. |
| Jeffers, Jimmie W. | C | 10-20-76 | 135 Ariz. 404 | 1-24-83 | 9-13-95 | 18 yr.,11 mo. |
| Bolton, Daren L. | C | 6-27-86 | 182 Ariz. 290 | 6-13-95 | 6-19-96 | 10 yr. |
| Mata, Luis M. | H | 3-10-77 | 125 Ariz. 233 | 3-11-80 | | |
| | | | 185 Ariz. 319 | 3-09-96 | 8-22-96 | 19 yr., 5 mo. |
| Greenawalt, Randy | C | 7-31-78 | 128 Ariz. 150 | 1-23-81 | 1-23-97 | 18 yr., 6 mo. |
| Woratzeck, William L. | C | 3-06-80 | 134 Ariz. 452 | 12-17-82 | 6-25-97 | 17 yr., 3 mo. |
| Ceja, Jose | H | 6-30-74 | 126 Ariz. 35 | 5-19-80 | 1-21-98 | 24 yr., 5 mo. |
| Gretzler, Douglas | C | 11-03-73 | 135 Ariz. 42 | 1-06-83 | 6-03-98 | 25 yr., 5 mo. |
| Villafuerte, Jose | H | 2-22-83 | 142 Ariz. 323 | 10-25-84 | 4-22-98 | 15 yr., 2 mo. |
| Ross, Arthur | C | 4-10-90 | 180 Ariz. 598 | 12-22-94 | 4-29-98 | 8 yr. |
| Gillies, Jess | C | 1-29-81 | 142 Ariz. 564 | 10-30-84 | 1-13-99 | 18 yr. |
| Gerlaugh, Darrick | I | 1-24-80 | 144 Ariz. 449 | 4-23-85 | 2-03-99 | 19 yr., 1 mo. |
| LaGrand, Karl | C | 1-07-82 | 152 Ariz. 483 | 1-30-87 | 2-24-99 | 17 yr., 1 mo. |
| Vickers, Robert | C | 3-04-82 | 153 Ariz. 21 | 1-30-87 | 5-05-99 | 17 yr., 2 mo. |
| Poland, Michael | C | 5-24-77 | 144 Ariz. 412 | 3-20-85 | 6-16-99 | 22 yr., 1 mo. |
| Ortiz, Ignacio | H | 12-21-78 | 131 Ariz. 195 | 11-23-81 | 10-27-99 | 20 yr.,10 mo. |
| Chaney, Anthony | C | 9-06-82 | 141 Ariz. 295 | 7-26-84 | 2-16-00 | 17 yr., 5 mo. |
| Poland, Patrick | C | 5-24-77 | 144 Ariz. 388 | 3-20-85 | 3-15-00 | 22 yr.,10 mo. |
| Miller, Don J. | C | 6-13-92 | 186 Ariz. 314 | 7-11-96 | 11-08-00 | 8 yr., 5 mo. |
| Comer, Robert | C | 2-03-87 | 165 Ariz. 413 | 7-31-90 | 5-22-07 | 20 yr., 3 mo. |
| Landrigan, Jeffrey | C | 12-13-89 | 176 Ariz. 1 | 2-25-93 | 10-26-10 | 20 yr., 10 mo. |
| King, Eric | B | 12-27-89 | 180 Ariz. 268 | 11-3-94 | 3-29-11 | 21 yr., 3 mo. |
| Beaty, Donald | C | 5-9-84 | 158 Ariz. 232 | 5-5-88 | 5-25-11 | 27 yr. |
| Bible, Richard | C | 6-8-88 | 175 Ariz. 549 | 8-12-93 | 6-30-11 | 23 yr. |
| West, Thomas | C | 7-12-87 | 176 Ariz. 432 | 9-30-93 | 7-19-11 | 24 yr. |
| Moormann, Robert | C | 1-13-84 | 154 Ariz. 578 | 10-6-87 | 2-29-12 | 28 yr., 1 mo. |
| Towery, Robert C. | C | 9-4-91 | 186 Ariz. 168 | 6-27-96 | 3-8-12 | 21 yr., 6mo. |
| Kemp, Thomas A. | C | 7-11-92 | 185 Ariz. 52 | 2-29-96 | 4-25-12 | 19 yr., 9 mo. |
| Lopez, Samuel V. | H | 10-29-86 | 174 Ariz. 131 | 12-22-92 | 6-27-12 | 25 yr., 8 mo. |
| Cook, Daniel W. | C | 7-20-87 | 170 Ariz. 40 | 12-5-91 | 8-8-12 | 25 yr., 1 mo. |
| Stokley, Richard | C | 7-8-91 | 182 Ariz. 505 | 6-27-95 | 12-5-12 | 21 yr., 5 mo. |

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Smith, T.

**La Paz 1**

Lee, D.E.

**Maricopa 75**

Andriano, W.
Bearup, P.
Benson, T.
Boggs, S.A.
Boyston, E.
Burns, J.
Carreon, A.M.
Chappell, D.
Cota, B.
Cromwell, R.L.
Cropper, L.
Dann, B.
Delahanty, D.
Dixon, C.
Djerf, R.K.
Doerr, E.
Fitzgerlad, J.
Gallardo, M.
Gallegos, M.S.
Garcia, A.
Garza, R.
Gomez, F.
Gonzales, E.V.
Goudeau, M.
Gulbrandson, D.
Hampton, T.A.
Hardy, R.
Hargrave, C.A.
Harrod, A.S.
Hausner, D.
Hedlund, C.
Hernandez, R.
Hooper, M.
Hurles, R.D.
James, S.C.
Johnson, R.M.
Kuhs, R.
Lee, C.A. (R&L)
Lee, C.A. (D)
Lehr, S.
Lynch, S.
Manuel, J.
Martinez, G.
Martinez, E.S. III
McCray, F.D.
McKinney, J.
Medina, E.
Milke, D.J.
Miller, W.
Moore, J.
Morris, C.
Naranjo, I.
Newell, S.R.
Pandeli, D.P.
Ovante, M.
Parker, S.
Patterson, I.
Prince, W.
Ramirez, D.M.
Reeves, S.
Rogovich, P.C.
Rose, E.
RunningEagle, S.B.
McGill, Sanning, J.
Schurz, E.M.
Scott, R.M.
Smith, JC (I)
Smith, J.C. (II)
Spears, A.M.
Speer, P.
Styers. J.L.
Tucker, E.R.
Vanwinkle..
Velazquez, J.
Villalobos, J.
Williams, R.T.
Womble, B.

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Anderson, F.W.
Ellison, C.D.
Henry, G.S.
Jones, D.L.
Murray, Rbt. W.
Murray, Rog. W.
Nelson, B.
Poyson, R.

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Atwood, F.J.
Bush, J.
Carlson, M.
Clabourne, S.D.
Cruz, J.M.
Detrich, D.S.
Forde, S.
Greene, B.J.
Greenway, R.M.
Jones, B.L.
Jones, R.G.
Kemp, T.
Lopez, G.M.
Mann, E.O.
Martinez, C.J.
Miles, K.
Nordstrom, S.
Payne, C.
Reinhardt, C.B.
Salazar, A.R.
Schackart, R.
Smith, R.D.
Spreitz, C.J.
Walden, R.L.
Wallace, J.
Wood, J.

**Pinal 1**

Apelt, M.

**Santa Cruz 0**

**Yavapai 5**

Kayer, G.R.
Roseberry, H.R.
Schad, E.H.
Stanley, M.
White, M.R.

**Yuma 3**

Dickens, G.
Kiles, A.C.
Washington, T.

Total 122 (122 death row inmates, 124 cases; C.A. Lee and J.C. Smith have death sentences in two separate cases.)

# Chronology of Inmates on Death Row - Date of Crime

| Name | County | Date of Crime |
|---|---|---|
| Schad, E. | Yavapai | 08-01-78 |
| Smith, R. | Pima | 03-11-80 |
| Clabourne, S.D. | Pima | 09-18-80 |
| Hooper, M. | Maricopa | 12-31-80 |
| Williams, R.T. | Maricopa | 03-12-81 |
| James, S.C. | Maricopa | 11-16-81 |
| Moormann, R. | Pinal | 01-13-84 |
| Schackart, R. | Pima | 03-08-84 |
| Beaty, D. | Maricopa | 05-09-84 |
| Atwood, F. | Pima | 09-17-84 |
| Henry, G.S. | Mohave | 06-06-86 |
| Stanley, M. | Yavapai | 06-19-86 |
| Salazar, A. | Pima | 07-25-86 |
| Lopez, S. | Maricopa | 10-29-86 |
| Medrano, A. | Pima | 02-01-87 |
| Washington, T. | Yuma | 06-08-87 |
| Cook, D. | Mohave | 07-19-87 |
| RunningEagle, S. | Maricopa | 12-06-87 |
| White, M. | Yavapai | 12-12-87 |
| Greenway, R. | Pima | 03-27-88 |
| Apelt, M. | Pinal | 12-23-88 |
| Spreitz, C.J. | Pima | 05-19-89 |
| Ramirez, D. | Maricopa | 05-25-89 |
| Wood, J. | Pima | 08-07-89 |
| Lopez, G. | Pima | 08-26-89 |
| Detrich, D. | Pima | 11-04-89 |
| Mann, E.O. | Pima | 11-23-89 |
| Milke, D. | Maricopa | 12-02-89 |
| Scott, R. | Maricopa | 12-02-89 |
| Styers, J. | Maricopa | 12-02-89 |
| Schurz, E. | Maricopa | 12-02-89 |
| Gonzales, E. | Maricopa | 02-20-90 |
| Gallegos, M. | Maricopa | 03-16-90 |
| Gulbrandson, D. | Maricopa | 03-10-91 |
| Hedlund, C. | Maricopa | 03-10-91 |
| McKinney, J. | Maricopa | 03-10-91 |
| Murray, Robert | Mohave | 05-14-91 |
| Murray, Roger | Mohave | 05-14-91 |
| Walden, R. | Pima | 06-13-91 |
| Stokley, R. | Cochise | 07-08-91 |
| Towery, R. | Maricopa | 09-04-91 |
| Dickens, G. | Yuma | 09-10-91 |
| Lee, D. | La Paz | 12-05-91 |
| Spears, A.M. | Maricopa | 01-03-92 |
| Rogovich, P.C. | Maricopa | 03-15-92 |
| Jones, D.L. | Mohave | 03-26-92 |
| Lee, C.A. | Maricopa | 04-06-92 |
| Lee, C.A. | Maricopa | 04-27-92 |
| Kemp, T. | Pima | 07-11-92 |
| Hurles, R.D. | Maricopa | 11-12-92 |
| Miles, K. | Pima | 12-07-92 |
| Djerf, R.K. | Maricopa | 09-14-93 |
| Jones, B.L. | Pima | 05-01-94 |
| Doerr, E. | Maricopa | 09-24-94 |
| Kayer, G.R. | Yavapai | 12-02-94 |
| Greene, B.J. | Pima | 02-28-95 |
| Murdaugh, M. | Maricopa | 06-28-95 |
| Smith, T. | Coconino | 08-01-95 |
| Martinez, E.S. III | Maricopa | 08-15-95 |
| Reinhardt, C.B. | Pima | 09-05-95 |
| Parker, S. | Maricopa | 09-24-05 |
| Jones, R.G. | Pima | 05-30-96 |
| Poyson, R.A. | Mohave | 08-14-96 |
| Sansing, J. | Maricopa | 02-24-98 |

**Sentenced After June 24, 2002**

| Name | County | Date of Crime |
|---|---|---|
| Smith, J.C. | Maricopa | 12-12-75 |
| Smith, J.C. | Maricopa | 01-00-76 |
| Dixon, C. | Maricopa | 01-07-78 |
| Wallace, J. | Pima | 01-31-84 |
| McCray, F.D. | Maricopa | 05-21-87 |
| Harrod, J. | Maricopa | 04-01-88 |
| Kiles, A.C. | Yuma | 02-09-89 |
| Lehr, S. | Maricopa | 04-04-91 to 02-23-92 |
| Pandeli, D.P. | Maricopa | 09-24-93 |
| Medina, E. | Maricopa | 09-30-93 |
| Nordstrom, S. | Pima | 05-30 to 6-13-96 |
| Anderson, F.W. | Mohave | 08-13-96 |
| Cropper, L. | Maricopa | 03-07-97 |
| Armstrong, S. | Pima | 02-19-98 |
| Prince, W. | Maricopa | 03-25-98 |
| Ellison, C. | Mohave | 02-24-99 |
| Dann, B. | Maricopa | 04-04-99 |
| Tucker, E.R. | Maricopa | 07-15-99 |
| Moore, J. | Maricopa | 11-16-99 |
| Garza, R. | Maricopa | 12-01-99 |
| Grell, S. | Maricopa | 12-02-99 |
| Gomez, F. | Maricopa | 12-02-99 |
| Glassel, R.J. | Maricopa | 04-19-00 |
| Roseberry, H.R. | Yavapai | 10-00-00 |
| Andriano, W. | Maricopa | 10-08-00 |
| Johnson, R.M. | Maricopa | 11-15-00 |
| Carreon, A.M. | Maricopa | 01-23-01 |
| Lynch, S. | Maricopa | 03-25-01 |
| Hampton, T.A. | Maricopa | 05-16-01 |
| Newell, S.R. | Maricopa | 05-23-01 |
| Velazuez, J. | Maricopa | 09-25-01 |
| Cromwell, R.L. | Maricopa | 10-08-01 |
| Bearup, P. | Maricopa | 02-26-02 |
| Boggs, S.A. | Maricopa | 05-19-02 |
| Hargrave, S.A. | Maricopa | 05-19-02 |
| Garcia, A. | Maricopa | 05-21-02 |
| Speer, P. | Maricopa | 05-25-02 |
| Womble | Maricopa | 05-25-02 |
| McGill, L.D. | Maricopa | 07-13-02 |
| Morris, C.D. | Maricopa | 09-02 to 04-03 |
| Cruz, J.M. | Pima | 05-26-03 |
| Martinez, C.J. | Pima | 06-12-03 |
| Cota, B. | Maricopa | 12-31-03 |
| Villalobos, J. | Maricopa | 01-04-04 |
| Boyston, E. | Maricopa | 02-02-04 |
| Chappell, D. | Maricopa | 03-11-04 |
| Manuel, J. | Maricopa | 03-31-04 |
| Benson, T. | Maricopa | 11-1-04 & 10-14/07 |
| Fitzgerald, J. | Maricopa | 04-15-05 |
| Delahanty, D. | Maricopa | 05-10-05 |
| Hardy, R. | Maricopa | 08-28-05 |
| Hausner | Maricopa | 11-11-05 to 7-30-06 |
| Kuhs, R. | Maricopa | 11-20-05 |

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| Gallardo, M. | Maricopa | 12-09-05 |
| Payne, C. | Pima | 03-09-06 |
| Patterson, I. | Maricopa | 03-17-06 |
| Martinez, G. | Maricopa | 03-31-06 |
| Nelson, B. | Mohave | 06-09-06 |
| Burns, J. | Maricopa | 01-28-07 |
| Joseph, R. | Maricopa | 04-01-07 |
| Reeves, S. | Maricopa | 06-02-07 |
| Rose, E. | Maricopa | 07-27-07 |
| Hernandez, R. | Maricopa | 04-15-08 |
| Vanwinkle, P. | Maricopa | 05-01-08 |
| Ovante, M. | Maricopa | 06-11-08 |
| Forde, S. | Pima | 05-30-09 |

## Inmates Currently Pending Retrial or Re-sentencing

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|---|---|---|
| Gunches, A. | Maricopa | Re-sentencing |
| Lambright, J. | Pima | Re-sentencing |

## Former Death Row Inmates Since 1973

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| Accardo, V. | Maricopa | died |
| Adams, J. | Maricopa | died |
| Adamson, J.H. | Maricopa | resentenced to life |
| Aguilar, Tonatihu | Maricopa | reduced to life (*Roper*) |
| Amaya-Ruiz, J. | Pima | reduced to life (*Atkins*) |
| Anthony, D. | Maricopa | died |
| Arnett, J.A. | Mohave | term of years |
| Apelt, R. | Pinal | re-sentenced to life (*Atkins*) |
| Barreras, J.P. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Beaty, D. | Maricopa | executed 5-25-11 |
| Bible, R. | Coconino | executed 6-30-11 |
| Bishop, R.P. | Yavapai | died |
| Blakley, M.G. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Blazak, M.T. | Pima | pled guilty/term of years |
| Bocharski, P. | Yavapai | reduced to natural life |
| Bolton, D.L. | Pima | executed 6-19-96 |
| Bracy, W. | Maricopa | died |
| Brewer, J.G. | Coconino | executed 3-03-93 |
| Britson, R.B. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Brookover, R.P. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Canez, A | Pinal | re-sentenced to life |
| Carlson, D. | Maricopa | reduced to natural life |
| Carriger, P.H. | Maricopa | term of years |
| Castaneda, W.A. | Pima | died |
| Ceja, J. | Maricopa | executed 1-21-98 |
| Chaney, A. | Coconino | executed 2-16-00 |
| Charo, R.P. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Clark, J.D. | Cochise | executed 4-14-93 |
| Comer, R. | Maricopa | executed 5-22-07 |
| Conner, R.L. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Cook, D. | Mohave | executed 8-8-12 |
| Correll, M. | Maricopa | resentenced to life |
| Cornell, J.D. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Cruz, R.C. | Maricopa | not guilty on retrial |
| Davis, M.W. | Pima | life after retrial |
| Davolt, J. | Mohave | reduced to life (*Roper*) |
| DeSpain, L. | Yuma | died |
| Doss, C.R. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Dunlap, M.A. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Eastlack, J.P. | Pima | re-sentenced to life |
| Edwards, Rbt. | Pima | life after retrial |
| Emery, R.L. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Epperson, G.L. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Evans, L.E. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Fierro, J.A. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Finch, M.L. | Pima | re-sentenced to natural life |
| Fisher, J.C. | Maricopa | plea/term of years |
| Fulminante, O. | Maricopa | plea/term of years |
| Gerlaugh, D. | Maricopa | executed 2-03-99 |
| Gillies, J. | Maricopa | executed 1-13-99 |
| Glassel, R. | Maricopa | died |
| Graham, J.D. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Grannis, D. | Pima | not guilty on retrial |
| Greenawalt, R. | Yuma | executed 1-23-97 |
| Grell, S. | Maricopa | reduced to natural life |
| Gretzler, D. | Pima | executed 6-03-98 |
| Hall, H. | Maricopa | State withdrew death on re-trial |
| Harding, D.E. | Pima | executed 4-06-92 |
| Harding D.E. | Maricopa | executed for Pima crimes |
| Hensley, R. | Maricopa | pled guilty/life |
| Herrera, M.W. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Herrera, W.D., Sr. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Herrera, W.D., Jr. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Hill, C.D. | Mohave | pled to 2nd degree murder / sentenced to time served |
| Hinchey, J.A. | Maricopa | died |
| Holsinger, W.G. | Maricopa | died |
| Hoskins, A.S. | Maricopa | sentencing agreement / pled to natural life |
| Huerstel, C.B. | Pima | acquitted of 1st degree murder on retrial |
| Hughes, J.H. | Pima | pled guilty/term of years |
| Hyde, David O. | Maricopa | pled to 2nd degree / time served |
| Jackson, L. | Pima | reduced to life (*Roper*) |
| Jeffers, J.W. | Pima | executed 9-13-95 |
| Jimenez, J.R. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Johnson, M. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Jones, A. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Jordan, P.W. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Kemp, T. | Pima | executed 4-25-12 |
| King, E. | Maricopa | executed 3-29-11 |
| Knapp, J.H. | Maricopa | pled guilty/term of years |
| Koch, M.A. | Maricopa | pled guilty/term of years |
| Krone, R. | Maricopa | life after retrial; Exonerated on April 29, 2002 |
| LaGrand, K. | Pima | executed 2-24-99 |
| LaGrand, W. | Pima | executed 3-03-99 |
| Lacy, C. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Laird, K. | Maricopa | reduced to life (*Roper*) |
| Lamar, C. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Landrigan, J. | Maricopa | executed 10-26-10 |
| Lavers, A.E. | Maricopa | died |
| Lee, C. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Leslie, P.C. | Maricopa | pled to 2nd degree murder |
| Libberton, L. | Maricopa | plead to life |
| Lopez, G.V. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Lopez, S.V. | Maricopa | executed 6-27-12 |
| Lujan, M.T. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Madsen, R.L. | Mohave | term of years |
| Marlow, J.W. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Martinez-Villareal | Santa Cruz | reduced to life |
| Mata, A.M. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Mata, L.M. | Maricopa | executed 8-22-96 |
| Mathers, J.L. | Yuma | rev'd/insuff. evidence |
| Maturana, C. | Pima | died |
| Mauro, W.C. | Coconino | reduced to life |
| McCall, E.L. | Maricopa | died |
| McCrimmon, C. | Pima | not guilty on retrial |
| McDaniel, L.S. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| McLaughlin, E.G. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| McVay, L.L. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Medina, O.G. | Pima | life after retrial |
| Medrano, A. | Pima | re-sentenced to life |
| Melandez, R.M. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Miller, D.J. | Pima | executed 11-08-00 |
| Minnitt, A. | Pima | conviction vacated |
| Montano, D. | Maricopa | plead to natural life |
| Moody, R. | Pima | State withdrew intent to seek death penalty during re-sentencing proceedings |
| Moormann, R. | Pinal | executed 2-29-12 |

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| Morales, J.C. | Maricopa | not guilty on retrial |
| Murphy, L.V. | Yavapai | re-sentenced to life |
| Nash | Maricopa | died |
| Ortiz, I.A. | Pima | executed 10-27-99 |
| Phillips, K. | Pima | resentenced to life |
| Poland, M. | Yavapai | executed 6-16-99 |
| Poland, P. | Yavapai | executed 3-15-00 |
| Prasertphong, K. | Pima | re-sentenced to life |
| Prince, L.J. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Prion, Lemuel | Pima | State dis. w/o prejudice |
| Ring, T. | Maricopa | plead to life |
| Robinson, F. | Yuma | re-sentenced to life |
| Robison, J.A. | Maricopa | not guilty on retrial |
| Richmond, W.L. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Rockwell, R.E. | Mohave | reduced to life |
| Rodriguez, R. | Pima | re-sentenced to life |
| Rodriguez, T.R. | Pima | on remand, jury convicted Rodriguez of 1st degree murder /State withdrew intent to seek the death penalty pursuant to sentencing agreement |
| Romanosky, J. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Roque, F. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Roscoe, K.S. | Maricopa | died |
| Ross, A.M. | Pima | executed 4-29-98 |
| Rossi, R.M. | Maricopa | died |
| Routhier, D.E. | Maricopa | pled to 2nd degree murder |
| Rumsey, D.W. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Rutledge, S.L. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Schaaf, S.R. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Serna, J.A. | Maricopa | pled to manslaughter |
| Smith, Bernard | Yuma | died |
| Smith, R.L. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Smith, S. | Maricopa | re-sentenced to life |
| Snelling, G. | Maricopa | reduced to natural life |
| Soto-Fong, M.R. | Pima | reduced to life (*Roper*) |
| Spencer, C. | Maricopa | reduced to life (*Atkins*) |
| Spoon, G.N. | Cochise | not guilty by reason of insanity |
| Staatz, L.D. | Pima | life after retrial |
| Steelman, W.L. | Pima | died |
| Stevens, C.R. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Stokley, R. | Maricopa | executed 12-5-12 |
| Stuard, J.W. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Tankersley | Yuma | plead to life |
| Thornton, F.B. | Cochise | died |
| Tison, R.C. | Yuma | reduced to life |
| Tison, R.W. | Yuma | reduced to life |
| Tittle, T.B. | Maricopa | convicted - 2nd degree murder |
| Towery, R. | Maricopa | executed 3-8-12 |
| Treadaway, J.C. | Maricopa | not guilty on retrial |
| Trostle, D. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Valencia, F.J. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Verdugo, D.S. | Maricopa | reduced to life |
| Vickers, R.W. | Pinal | executed 5-05-99 |
| Vickers, R.W. | Pinal | executed for other crime |
| Villafuerte, J. | Maricopa | executed 4-22-98 |
| Walker, R.L. | Graham | life after retrial |
| Wallace, G. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Walton, Jeffrey A. | Pima | re-sentenced to life |
| Watson, S. | Pima | reduced to life |
| Webster, D. | Pima | life after retrial |
| West, T. | Pima | executed 7-19-11 |
| Williams, A. | Pinal | re-sentenced to life |
| Willoughby, D.H. | Maricopa | life after retrial |
| Woratzeck, W.L. | Pinal | executed 6-25-97 |
| Zaragoza, R. | Maricopa | died |

# INMATES WHO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED
# SINCE 1992

# DONALD EDWARD BEATY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 7, 1955 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of May 9, 1984, Christy Ann Fornoff, a 13-year-old newspaper carrier, was collecting from her customers at the Rockpoint Apartments in Tempe. Beaty, who was the apartment custodian, abducted Christy and sexually assaulted and suffocated her in his apartment. Beaty kept the body in his apartment until the morning of May 11, 1984, when he placed it behind the apartment complex's trash dumpster.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Rufus Coulter, Jr. |
| Prosecutor: | Gregg Thurston |
| Defense Counsel: | Michael Miller |
| Start of Trial: | May 8, 1985 |
| Verdict: | June 20, 1985 |
| Sentencing: | July 20, 1985 |
| Execution: | May 25, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Beaty*, 158 Ariz. 232, 762 P.2d 519 (1988).
*Beaty v. Stewart*, 303 F.3d 975, 2002 WL 1968592 (9th Cir.(Ariz.)).
*Ryan v. Beaty*, 123 S.Ct. 2073, 155 L.Ed.2d 1098 (2003). *cert. denied*
*Beaty v. Schriro*, 509 F.3d 994 (9th Cir. 2007).
*Beaty v. Schriro*, 554 F.3d 788 (9th Cir. 2009).

# RICHARD LYNN BIBLE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 23, 1962 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On June 6, 1988, around 10:30 a.m., 9-year-old Jennifer Wilson was riding her bike on a Forest Service road in Flagstaff. Bible drove by in a truck, forced her off her bike, and abducted her. He took Jennifer to a hill near his home where he sexually assaulted her. He then killed her by hitting her in the face and head with a blunt instrument. Bible concealed the body and left the area. He was arrested later that day. Jennifer's body was not found until June 25, 1988.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard K. Mangum |
| Prosecutors: | Fred Newton and Camille Bibles |
| Defense Counsel: | Lee Phillips |
| Start of Trial: | March 6, 1990 |
| Verdict: | April 12, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | June 12, 1990 |
| Execution | June 30, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Bible*, 175 Ariz. 549, 858 P.2d 1152 (1993).
*Bible v. Ryan*, 571 F.3d 860 (9th Cir. 2009).

# DAREN L. BOLTON

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 9, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the night of June 27, 1986, Bolton entered the home of the three-year-old victim and her parents and abducted the child while she slept. Bolton entered through the victim's window. The victim's body was discovered four days later in an abandoned taxicab. She had one stab wound in her chest. Although the body was clothed, the victim's underwear was found elsewhere in the taxicab. The shirt that covered her stab wound was un-torn, indicating that her clothing had been replaced after the stabbing.

Bolton's fingerprints were found on the victim's screen window. Bolton testified at trial and claimed that he went to the victim's home with an accomplice to rob the family, but was scared off by the family dog. The accomplice, according to Bolton, later returned alone and kidnapped the victim. Bolton claimed that he had since killed the accomplice and buried his body in an unspecified place in the desert.

PROCEEDINGS

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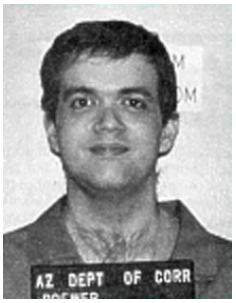
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William L. Scholl |
| Prosecutor: | Kathleen Mayer |
| Start of Trial: | October 28, 1992 |
| Verdict: | November 12, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | February 22, 1993 |
| Execution: | June 19, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Age of victim (under 15)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Bolton*, 182 Ariz. 290, 896 P.2d 830 (1995).

# JOHN GEORGE BREWER

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 8, 1965 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Brewer and his girlfriend, Rita Brier, were living together in a Flagstaff apartment. In the early morning hours of November 11, 1987, they argued about Brewer's excessive dependence on Brier. Later that day, Brier told Brewer that she was going to leave him to help him learn to live on his own. Brewer locked the bedroom door and began to beat and strangle Brier. After a lengthy struggle during which Brewer bit Brier, tried to gouge her eyes out, and choked her with his hands, Brewer killed her by strangling her with a tie. Brier was 22 weeks pregnant at the time. Brewer had sexual intercourse with Brier's corpse, then walked to a nearby bowling alley, called the police, and turned himself in. Brewer pled guilty to first-degree murder.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffrey Coker |
| Prosecutor: | Fred Newton |
| Plea: | July 18, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | August 26, 1988 |
| Execution: | March 3, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Grave risk of death to other (the fetus)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Brewer,* 170 Ariz. 486, 826 P.2d 783 (1992).
*Brewer v. Lewis,* 989 F.2d 1021 (9th Cir. 1993).
*Brewer v. Lewis,* 997 F.2d 550 (9th Cir. 1993).

# JOSE JESUS CEJA

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 24, 1955 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic, White / Anglo |

On Sunday, June 30, 1974, Ceja went to the home of Randy and Linda Leon in Phoenix intending to steal a large shipment of marijuana. Upon entry, Ceja shot Linda (who apparently resisted him) twice in the chest, and then dragged her body from the living room to the bedroom where he shot her at least four more times in the head at close range. When Randy arrived home, Ceja shot him four times with his own gun, which Ceja had removed from a drawer in the house. Ceja loaded a suitcase he had brought with him with 12 kilos of marijuana. He removed the receiver from the phone and turned on the television to create an appearance that someone was home. He later attended the funeral of the victims, helped move furniture, and offered to help police find the murderer.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. C. Kimball Rose (first trial) |
| | Hon. A. Melvin McDonald (second trial) |
| Prosecutors: | Joseph Shaw (first trial) |
| | Peter Whitmer (retrial) |
| | Lawrence Turoff (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | November 8, 1974 (first trial) |
| | May 12, 1976 (second trial) |
| Verdicts: | November 19, 1974 (first trial) |
| | May 18, 1976 (second trial) |
| Sentencing: | December 19, 1974 (first trial) |
| | June 25, 1976 (second trial) |
| Resentencing: | July 17, 1979 |
| Execution: | January 21, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ceja*, 113 Ariz. 39, 546 P.2d 6 (1976).
*State v. Ceja*, 115 Ariz. 413, 565 P.2d 1274 (1977).
*State v. Ceja*, 126 Ariz. 35, 612 P.2d 491 (1980).
*Ceja v. Stewart*, 97 F.3d 1246 (9th Cir. 1996).

# ANTHONY LEE CHANEY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 4, 1954 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Chaney and Deanna Jo Saunders-Coleman were on the run from a string of burglaries in Texas and Colorado. They were driving a stolen pickup truck and were in possession of 11 stolen firearms. On September 6, 1982, Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Cline, on routine patrol, checked the campsite where Chaney and Saunders-Coleman were staying outside of Flagstaff. After requesting a check on the stolen truck, Cline got out of his car and began talking to Chaney. Chaney pulled a gun on the deputy, had Deanna disarm him, and handcuffed him to a tree. Chaney and Deanna got into the truck and started to leave. As they did, John Jamison, a reserve deputy who was also a medical doctor, arrived at the scene. Chaney jumped out of the truck and began firing at Jamison with an AR15 rifle. Using a hail of fire to pin Jamison down inside his car, Chaney advanced to point blank range and fired three fatal shots into the deputy. In addition to the fatal three wounds, the deputy was struck by over 200 fragments of metal and glass from the shots fired into the vehicle. Saunders-Coleman pled guilty to second-degree murder and received a 21-year prison sentence. She testified against Chaney.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William F. Garbarino |
| Prosecutors: | John Verkamp and Charles D. Adams |
| Start of Trial: | February 16, 1983 |
| Verdict: | March 17, 1983 |
| Sentencing: | April 20, 1983 |
| Execution: | February 16, 2000 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Chaney,* 141 Ariz. 295, 686 P.2d 1265 (1984).
*Chaney v. Lewis,* 801 F.2d 1191 (9th Cir. 1986).
*Chaney v. Stewart*, 156 F.3d 921 (9th Cir. 1998).

# JAMES DEAN CLARK

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 18, 1957 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

For most of 1977, Clark worked as a wrangler at a dude ranch owned by Charles and Mildred Thumm in Elfrida. In the early morning hours of December 4, 1977, Clark killed two other wranglers at the ranch, George Martin, Jr. and 17-year-old Gerald McFerron. Clark stabbed Martin numerous times in the chest and shot McFerron three times in the head. Both victims were asleep at the time of the attacks. Clark then took a .357 Magnum and walked to the Thumm's house. After shooting Mr. Thumm twice, Clark shot Mrs. Thumm through the head as she slept. He took jewelry, credit cards and money from the Thumm's, stole their car, and after slashing the tires of all the vehicles at the ranch, drove to El Paso. Clark bragged about the murders to a friend. When he was arrested, police officers found that Clark had retained as a souvenir from the murders the bullet that had passed through the head of one of the victims.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Anthony T. Deddens |
| Prosecutor: | Joe Fuller |
| Start of Trial: | May 4, 1978 |
| Verdict: | June 23, 1978 |
| Sentencing: | July 28, 1978 |
| Execution: | April 14, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Clark*, 126 Ariz. 428, 616 P.2d 888 (1980).
*Clark v. Ricketts*, 886 F.2d 1152 (9th Cir. 1989).
*Clark v. Ricketts*, 942 F.2d 567 (9th Cir. 1991).
*Clark v. Ricketts*, 958 F.2d 851 (9th Cir. 1991).
*Clark v. Lewis*, 1 F.3d 814 (9th Cir. 1993).

# ROBERT CHARLES COMER

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 14, 1956 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On February 23, 1987, Comer and his girlfriend, Juneva Willis, were at a campground near Apache Lake. They invited Larry Pritchard, who was at the campsite next to theirs, to have dinner and drinks with them. Around 9:00 p.m., Comer shot Pritchard in the head, killing him. He and Willis then stole Pritchard's belongings. Around 11:00 p.m., Comer and Willis went to a campsite occupied by Richard Brough and Tracy Andrews. Comer stole their property, hogtied Brough to a car fender, and then raped Andrews in front of Brough. Comer and Willis then left the area, taking Andrews with them, but leaving Brough behind. Andrews escaped the next morning and ran for 23 hours before finding help. Willis pled guilty to kidnapping and testified against Comer.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald S. Reinstein |
| Prosecutor: | K.C. Skull |
| Defense Counsel: | Roland Steinle, Ann Hutchins, and Stephen Venezia |
| Start of Trial: | January 6, 1988 |
| Verdict: | January 21, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | April 11, 1988 |
| Execution | May 20, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Comer*, 165 Ariz. 413, 799 P.2d 333 (1990).
*Comer v. Stewart*, 215 F.3d 910 (9th Cir. 2000).
*Comer v. Stewart*, 230 F.Supp. 1016 (D. Ariz., 2002).
*Comer v. Stewart*, 312 F.3d 1157 (9th Cir. 2002).
*Comer v. Schriro*, 480 F.3d 960 (9th Cir. 2007).

# DANIEL WAYNE COOK

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 23, 1961 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic, White / Anglo |

Cook, John Matzke, and Carlos Froyan Cruz-Ramos worked at a restaurant in Lake Havasu City and shared an apartment. On July 19, 1987, Cook stole some money from Cruz-Ramos. When Cruz-Ramos began searching the apartment for the money, Cook and Matzke tied Cruz-Ramos to a chair and began beating him with their fists and a metal pipe. Cook also cut Cruz-Ramos with a knife, sodomized him, stapled his penis to a chair, and burned his genitals with cigarettes. After several hours of this torture, Matzke and Cook crushed Cruz-Ramos' throat with the pipe. When Kevin Swaney, another co-worker, arrived at the apartment, Cook forced him upstairs and showed him Cruz-Ramos' body. Cook and Matzke then tied Swaney to a chair. Matzke went to sleep while Cook sodomized Swaney. When Cook was finished, he woke Matzke and the two men strangled Swaney with a bed sheet. Matzke pled guilty to second-degree murder and testified against Cook.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven F. Conn |
| Prosecutor: | Eric Larsen |
| Defense Counsel: | Claude Keller (advisory counsel) |
| Start of Trial: | June 27, 1988 |
| Verdict: | July 7, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | August 8, 1988 |
| Execution | August 8, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides
- Pecuniary gain (Cruz-Ramos murder only)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Cook*, 170 Ariz. 40, 821 P.2d 731 (1991).
*Cook v. Schriro*, 516 F.3d 802 (9th Cir. 2008).
*Cook v. Schriro*, 538 F.3d 1000 (9th Cir. 2008).

# DARRICK LEONARD GERLAUGH

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 17, 1960 |
| Defendant: | American Indian / Native American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On January 24, 1980, Gerlaugh, Joseph Encinas, and Matthew Leisure decided to hitchhike from Chandler to Phoenix and rob whoever offered them a ride. Their victim turned out to be Scott Schwartz. Schwartz had a leg injury, wore a leg brace and used crutches. The three ordered Schwartz at gunpoint to drive to a deserted location on the outskirts of Mesa, where they attacked him. Gerlaugh had Encinas and Leisure hold Schwartz on the road while he drove the car over him several times. Gerlaugh positioned the left rear tire on Schwartz' body and revved the engine so the spinning wheel would kill him. When the victim still seemed to be alive, Gerlaugh and Leisure stabbed him 30 to 40 times in the head, neck, and shoulders with a screwdriver. They hid Schwartz' body in a nearby field and took $36 from him and left in his car. Gerlaugh and Encinas were convicted of the murder following a joint trial. Encinas received a life sentence. Leisure pled guilty to first degree murder and also received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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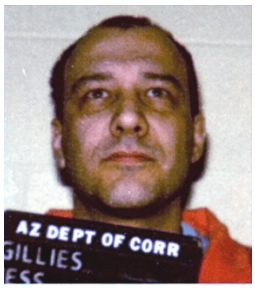
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. I. Sylvan Brown |
| Prosecutor: | Vince Imbordino |
| Start of Trial: | December 15, 1980 |
| Verdict: | December 19, 1980 |
| Sentencing: | February 11, 1981 |
| Execution: | February 3, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gerlaugh*, 134 Ariz. 164, 654 P.2d 800 (1982).
*State v. Gerlaugh*, 135 Ariz. 89, 659 P.2d 642 (1983).
*State v. Gerlaugh*, 144 Ariz. 449, 698 P.2d 694 (1985).
*Gerlaugh v. Lewis*, 898 F. Supp. 1388 (D. Ariz 1995).
*Gerlaugh v. Stewart*, 129 F.3d 1027 (9th Cir. 1997).

# JESS JAMES GILLIES

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| Date of Birth: | October 18, 1960 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On January 29, 1981, Suzanne Rossetti locked herself out of her car at a Phoenix convenience store. Gillies and Mike Logan helped her get into her car. Ms. Rossetti bought the men a six-pack of beer and offered them a ride to a riding stable where Gillies worked. En route, one of the men grabbed Rossetti, stopped the car, and pulled her to the ground, where they both raped her. Gillies and Logan drove Rossetti to Papago Park and then to her apartment, raping her at both locations. The men rifled through her purse and scavenged her apartment for valuables. The attackers ultimately took Ms. Rossetti to the Superstition Mountains, where she was pushed from a cliff, tumbling 40 feet down the rocky hillside. Gillies and Logan pursued their victim down the hill and found her still alive. Rossetti begged for mercy, told the men she was going to die anyway, and asked them to let her die in peace. According to Gillies, Logan responded: AThat's right, bitch, you are.@ According to Logan, Gillies began calling the victim a whore and a bitch. The victim was then bashed on the head with rocks until she lost consciousness. Gillies and Logan covered her with rocks and drove back to Phoenix in her car. Logan pled guilty to first-degree murder in exchange for a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Stephen H. Scott |
| Prosecutor: | Jeffrey A. Hotham |
| Start of Trial: | August 20, 1981 |
| Verdict: | August 27, 1981 |
| Sentencing: | September 28, 1981 |
| Resentencing: | June 30, 1983 |
| Execution: | January 13, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gillies*, 135 Ariz. 500, 662 P.2d 1007 (1983).
*State v. Gillies*, 142 Ariz. 564, 691 P.2d 1059 (1984).

# RANDY GREENAWALT

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 24, 1949 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On July 30, 1978, Greenawalt and Gary Tison escaped from Arizona State Prison with the help of Gary's sons, Ricky, Ray, and Donnie. The next night, the group kidnapped and shotgunned to death John and Donnelda Lyons, their 2-year-old son Christopher, and their teenage niece, Theresa Tyson, in Yuma County. They then drove north, changing cars several times, and murdered a newlywed couple, James and Margene Judge, in Colorado. They then turned south again, driving the Judges' van. On August 11, 1978, they ran a roadblock in Pinal County. As the van ran a second roadblock, law enforcement officers shot at the van, killing Donnie Tison. Law enforcement officers captured Greenawalt and Ricky and Raymond Tison, but Gary Tison escaped. Gary Tison was found dead in the desert several days later.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Douglas W. Keddie |
| Prosecutor: | Michael Irwin |
| Start of Trial: | February 6, 1979 |
| Verdict: | February 16, 1979 |
| Sentencing: | March 26, 1979 |
| Execution: | January 23, 1997 |

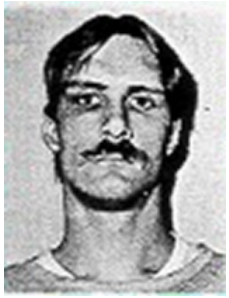
Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Grave risk of death to others
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Greenawalt*, 128 Ariz. 150, 624 P.2d 828 (1981).
*Greenawalt v. Ricketts*, 784 F.2d 1453 (9th Cir. 1986).
*Greenawalt v. Ricketts*, 943 F.2d 1020 (9th Cir. 1991).
*Greenawalt v. Ricketts*, 961 F.2d 1457 (9th Cir. 1992). - *Dissent from denial of rehearing En Banc*
*Greenawalt v. Stewart*, 105 F.3d 1268 (9th Cir. 1997).
*Greenawalt v. Stewart*, 105 F.3d 1287 (9th Cir. 1997).

# DOUGLAS EDWARD GRETZLER



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 21, 1951 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On November 3, 1973, Michael Sandberg was washing his car in the parking lot of a condominium complex in Tucson. Gretzler and Willie Luther Steelman forced Sandberg at gunpoint from the parking lot to his condominium, where his wife, Patricia, was studying. Gretzler and Steelman bound and gagged the Sandbergs. When night fell, Gretzler shot Michael Sandberg in the head, muffling the shot with a pillow. Gretzler then shot Patricia Sandberg, who was entirely covered by a blanket. Steelman took the gun and fired another shot into her body to make certain she was dead. Gretzler and Steelman then took the Sandbergs' credit cards, checks, a camera, and their car, and left for California. In California, law enforcement officers apprehended Gretzler and Steelman, ending a crime spree that included seven other murders. Steelman was also convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. He died in prison in 1987.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William E. Druke |
| Prosecutors: | David G. Dingeldine (trial and sentencing) |
| | Lynn Gallagher (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | October 14, 1975 |
| Verdict: | November 5, 1975 |
| Sentencing: | November 15, 1976 |
| Resentencing: | October 23, 1981 |
| Execution: | June 3, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially cruel, heinous or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gretzler,* 126 Ariz. 60, 612 P.2d 1023 (1980).
*State v. Gretzler,* 135 Ariz. 42, 659 P.2d 1 (1983).
*Gretzler v. Stewart*, 112 F.3d 992 (1997).

# DONALD EUGENE HARDING

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 1, 1949 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On January 25, 1980, Harding posed as a security guard to gain entrance to a Tucson motel room where Robert Wise was staying while on a business trip. Wise was meeting with a business associate, Martin Concannon, in the motel room. Harding hogtied both men with multiple ligatures and shot each in the head and chest from close range. Harding also beat Wise with a lamp and stuffed socks into Concannon's mouth. He then took various articles belonging to both men and left in Concannon's car. About 8:00 p.m. that same day, Harding appeared at Wise's home in Mesa, knocked on the door, and asked Wise's wife whether ABob@ was there. He had one of Wise's business cards in his left hand and kept his right hand in his pocket while he spoke with Mrs. Wise at the door. Harding left after seeing a large dog in the house. He was arrested in Flagstaff on January 26, 1980, driving Concannon's car.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Harry Gin |
| Prosecutor: | Victor Wild |
| Start of Trial: | April 21, 1982 |
| Verdict: | April 27, 1982 |
| Sentencing: | May 26, 1982 |
| Execution: | April 6, 1992 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Harding*, 137 Ariz. 278, 670 P.2d 383 (1983).
*Harding v. Lewis*, 641 F. Supp. 979 (D. Ariz. 1986).
*Harding v. Lewis*, 834 F.2d 853 (9th Cir. 1987).

# JIMMIE WAYNE JEFFERS

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 7, 1946 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

In May 1976, Jeffers was jailed on charges of possession of narcotics and receipt of stolen property. Jeffers learned that his girlfriend, Penelope Cheney, was giving the police information about Jeffers' heroin transactions. Jeffers wrote a note to another jail inmate offering him money to kill Cheney, but a guard intercepted the note. Jeffers was released from jail and moved into a Tucson motel with Doris Van Der Veer. On October 20, 1976, Jeffers lured Cheney to the motel by promising her heroin. Van Der Veer left the room. When she returned 2 hours later, Cheney was lying unconscious on the bed. Jeffers had injected Cheney with an overdose of heroin, but was upset that she had not died. Jeffers began choking Cheney with her belt, then discarded the belt and used his hands. He then ordered Van Der Veer to inject more heroin into Cheney. Jeffers then climbed on top of Cheney and began hitting her in the face while calling her a Abitch@ and a Adirty snitch@ and stating, as each blow landed, that A[t]his one is for [naming several names].@ Jeffers kept the body in the shower stall for 3 days, then buried it in a secluded area near Sedona.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ben C. Birdsall |
| Prosecutors: | James Himelic and D. Jesse Smith |
| Start of Trial: | January 10, 1978 |
| Verdict: | February 9, 1978 |
| Sentencing: | April 19, 1978 |
| Resentencing: | July 10, 1980 |
| Execution: | September 13, 1995 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Jeffers*, 135 Ariz. 404, 661 P.2d 1105 (1983).
*Jeffers v. Ricketts*, 627 F. Supp. 1334 (D. Ariz. 1986).
*Jeffers v. Ricketts*, 832 F.2d 476 (9th Cir. 1987).
*Jeffers v. Lewis*, 974 F.2d 1075 (9th Cir. 1992).
*Jeffers v. Lewis*, 5 F.3d 1199 (9th Cir. 1993).
*Jeffers v. Lewis*, 38 F.3d 411 (9th Cir. 1994).
*Lewis v. Jeffers*, 497 U.S. 764, 110 S. Ct. 3092 (1990).

# THOMAS A. KEMP

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 2, 1948 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On July 11, 1992, Kemp and Jeffrey Logan killed Hector Juarez. Several days earlier Kemp purchased a .380 semi-automatic handgun and told Logan he needed money to pay bills, and was going to look for someone with money. Kemp and Logan kidnapped Juarez after he left his apartment in Tucson to get something to eat late at night. Kemp used Juarez's ATM card to withdraw $200. Kemp and Logan then drove Juarez to the Silverbell mine northwest of Tucson, and Kemp shot Juarez in the head twice.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard Nichols |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth Peasley |
| Defense Counsel: | Eric Larsen |
| Start of Trial: | June 2, 1993 |
| Verdict: | June 7, 1993 |
| Sentencing: | July 9, 1993 |
| Execution | April 25, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction for a crime of violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Kemp*, 185 Ariz. 52, 912 P.2d 1281 (1996).
*Kemp v. Ryan*, 638 F.3d 1245 (9th Cir. 2011).

# ERIC JOHN KING

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 30, 1963 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On December 27, 1989, Eric John King, accompanied by a black male later believed to be Michael Page Jones, robbed a Short Stop convenience store in Phoenix, Arizona. King shot and killed the clerk, Ron Barman, and the store's security guard, Richard Butts. King used Butt's .357 revolver in the commission of the offenses. Witnesses saw King return to the scene to wipe off Butt's holster. Approximately $72 was taken from the cash register in the store. King was arrested the next day.

PROCEEDINGS

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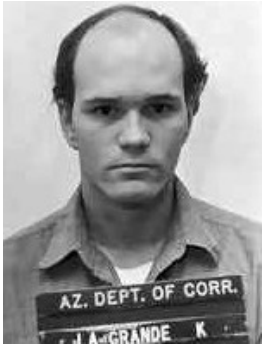
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael D. Ryan |
| Prosecutor: | Paul Rood |
| Defense Counsel: | Mary K. Wisdom (trial) |
| | Roland J. Steinle III (sentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | August 28, 1990 |
| Verdict: | September 5, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | March 4, 1991 |
| Execution | March 29, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. King*, 180 Ariz. 268, 883 P.2d 1024 (1994).
*King v. Schriro*, 537 F.3d 1062 (9th Cir. 2008).

# KARL HINZE LaGRAND

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 20, 1963 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Shortly after 8:00 on the morning of January 7, 1982, Karl LaGrand and his brother, Walter, entered the Valley National Bank in Marana. Armed with a toy pistol, Karl tried to force Ken Hartsock, the 63-year-old branch manager, to open the vault. Hartsock could not open the vault because he had only half of the combination. The brothers then forced Hartsock and Dawn Lopez, a bank clerk, into Hartsock's office and bound them. After threatening Hartsock with a letter opener, the brothers began beating him. Hartsock died from 24 stab wounds. Karl and Walter tried to kill Lopez, stabbing her six times, then fled the bank.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. J. Richard Hannah |
| Prosecutor: | Michael D. Alfred |
| Start of Trial: | January 31, 1984 |
| Verdict: | February 17, 1984 |
| Sentencing: | December 14, 1984 |
| Execution: | February 24, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. LaGrand (Karl)*, 152 Ariz. 483, 733 P.2d 1066 (1987).
*LaGrand v. Lewis*, 883 F. Supp. 451 (D. Ariz. 1995).
*LaGrand v. Stewart*, 133 F.3d 1253 (9th Cir. 1998).

# WALTER BURNHART LaGRAND

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 26, 1962 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Shortly after 8:00 on the morning of January 7, 1982, Walter LaGrand and his brother, Karl, entered the Valley National Bank in Marana. Armed with a toy pistol, Karl tried to force Ken Hartsock, the 63-year-old branch manager, to open the vault. Hartsock could not open the vault because he had only half of the combination. The brothers then forced Hartsock and Dawn Lopez, a bank clerk, into Hartsock's office and bound them. After threatening Hartsock with a letter opener, the brothers began beating him. Hartsock died from 24 stab wounds. Karl and Walter tried to kill Lopez, stabbing her six times, then fled the bank.

PROCEEDINGS

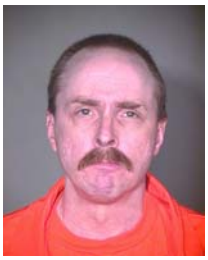
| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. J. Richard Hannah |
| Prosecutor: | Michael D. Alfred |
| Start of Trial: | January 31, 1984 |
| Verdict: | February 17, 1984 |
| Sentencing: | December 14, 1984 |
| Execution: | March 3, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. LaGrand (Walter)*, 153 Ariz. 21, 734 P.2d 563 (1987).
*LaGrand v. Lewis*, 883 F. Supp. 451 (D. Ariz. 1995).
*LaGrand v. Stewart*, 133 F.3d 1253 (9th Cir. 1998).

# JEFFERY TIMOTHY LANDRIGAN



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 14, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 15, 1989, Chester Dean Dyer was found dead in his apartment by co-worker, who went to his residence because they were concerned when he failed to come to work. Dyer was found face down with an electrical cord at the front of his throat. Dyer also had lacerations about his face and puncture wounds in the upper back. Dyer's death was determined to have been caused by strangulation. Dyer had telephoned Michael Shaw at work on December 13, 1989, to let him know he had talked AJeff@ into coming to his apartment to have sexual relations. On December 20, 1989, police arrested Landrigan on unrelated charges. Landrigan was wearing a shirt that belonged to the victim. Landrigan's fingerprints were at the crime scene, and blood on Landrigan's shoe matched blood from the victim's shirt.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Cheryl K. Hendrix |
| Prosecutor: | Jeffrey Sandler |
| Defense Counsel: | Dennis Farrell |
| Start of Trial: | May 1, 1990 |
| Verdict: | June 28, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | October 25, 1990 |
| Execution | October 26, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction for crimes of violence
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Landrigan*, 176 Ariz. 1, 859 P.2d 111 (1993).
*Landrigan v. Stewart*, 272 F.3d 1221 (9th Cir. 2001).
*Landrigan v. Schriro*, 441 F.3d 638 (9th Cir. 2006).
*Schriro v. Landrigan*, 127 S.Ct. 1933 (2007).

# SAMUEL VILLEGAS LOPEZ

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 30, 1962 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On October 29, 1986, Lopez broke into the apartment of 59-year-old Estafana Holmes. Lopez raped, beat, and stabbed Ms. Holmes. Her body was found nude from the waist down, with her pajama bottoms tied around her eyes. A lace scarf was crammed tightly into her mouth. She had been stabbed 23 times in the left breast and upper chest, three times in her lower abdomen, and her throat was cut. Lopez' body fluids matched seminal fluids found in Ms. Holmes' body.

PROCEEDINGS

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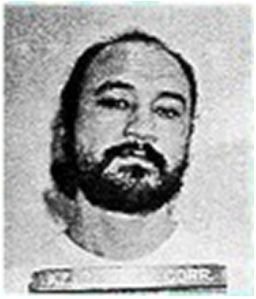
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Peter T. D'Angelo |
| Prosecutor: | Paul Ahler |
| Defense Counsel: | Joel Brown |
| Start of Trial: | April 16, 1987 |
| Verdict: | April 27, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | June 25, 1987 |
| Resentencing: | August 3, 1990 |
| Execution | June 27, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lopez (Samuel V.)*, 163 Ariz. 108, 786 P.2d 959 (1990).
*State v. Lopez (Samuel V.)*, 175 Ariz. 407, 857 P.2d 1261 (1993).
*Lopez v. Ryan*, 360 F.3d 1198 (9th Cir. 2011).

# LUIS MORINE MATA



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 10, 1951 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of March 10, 1977, Mata and his brother, Alonzo, were at their Phoenix apartment with Debra Lopez. When Ms. Lopez got up to leave, Luis Mata stopped her and told her they were going to rape her. The brothers began beating her with a rifle and their fists, and each raped her. They then drove the unconscious victim away from the apartment and Luis killed her by cutting her throat with a knife, nearly decapitating her in the process. Alonzo Mata was also convicted for the murder of Ms. Lopez, but received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Stanley Z. Goodfarb |
| Prosecutor: | Michael Donovan |
| Start of Trial: | October 4, 1977 |
| Verdict: | October 17, 1977 |
| Sentencing: | December 9, 1977 |
| Resentencing: | December 8, 1978 |
| Execution: | August 22, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Mata (Luis)*, 125 Ariz. 233, 609 P.2d 48 (1980).
*Mata v. Ricketts*, 937 F.2d 467 (9th Cir. 1991).
*Mata v. Ricketts*, 981 F.2d 397 (9th Cir. 1992).
*State v. Mata*, 185 Ariz. 319, 916 P.2d 1035 (1996).

# DON J. MILLER

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 21, 1963 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On June 13, 1992, a jogger discovered Jennifer Geuder's body lying in a desert area on the east side of Tucson. Jennifer had been shot six times in the head. She had gone out the previous evening with her boyfriend, Jose Luna, and the defendant, Miller. Unbeknownst to Jennifer, Luna solicited Miller's help in killing her because she was demanding child support payments. Miller and Luna drove Jennifer to Mount Lemmon, where Luna shot her once in the head. Although critically wounded, Jennifer did not die. Miller and Luna drove Jennifer back to a desert area in Tucson, where Miller shot her five more times in the head. Luna pled guilty to first degree murder and received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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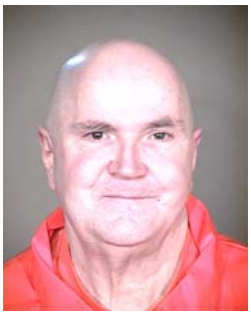
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Lawrence Fleischman |
| Prosecutor: | Rick Unklesbay |
| Start of Trial: | July 6, 1993 |
| Verdict: | July 12, 1993 |
| Sentencing: | December 20, 1993 |
| Execution: | November 8, 2000 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Miller,* 186 Ariz. 314, 921 P.2d 1151 (1996).
*Stewart v. Miller ex rel. Jones,* 531 U.S. 986, 121 S. Ct. 445 (2000) - *stay of execution vacated*

# ROBERT HENRY MOORMANN



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 4, 1948 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

While serving a sentence of 9 years to life at the Arizona State Prison in Florence, Moormann was given a 72-hour compassionate furlough to visit with his mother. The two stayed at the Blue Mist Motel in Florence. On January 13, 1984, Moormann bound and gagged his mother and then strangled and stabbed her. Moormann chopped the body into many parts and disposed of them in dumpsters throughout Florence.

PROCEEDINGS

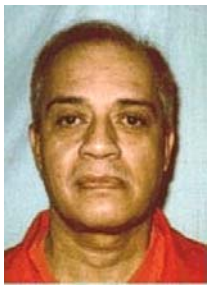
| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard N. Roylston |
| Prosecutor: | W. Allen Stooks |
| Defense Counsel: | Thomas Kelly |
| Start of Trial: | March 26, 1985 |
| Verdict: | April 4, 1985 |
| Sentencing: | May 7, 1985 |
| Execution | February 29, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Moormann*, 154 Ariz. 578, 744 P.2d 679 (1987).
*Moormann v. Schriro*, 426 F.3d 1044 (9th Cir. 2005).
*Moormann v. Ryan*, 628 F.3d 1102 (9th Cir. 2010).

# IGNACIO ALBERTO ORTIZ



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 21, 1941 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

Ortiz had been involved in an affair with Manuelita McCormack, the mother of his 3-year-old godson. When Mrs. McCormack reconciled with her husband, Ortiz attempted to rekindle the affair. On the evening of December 21, 1978, Ortiz went to the McCormack home while Mr. McCormack was away. After strangling and stabbing Mrs. McCormack, he also stabbed her 9-year-old and 8-year-old daughters. Ortiz then poured gasoline throughout the house and over Mrs. McCormack's body, and placed a delayed ignition device at the foot of her 3-year-old son's bed. Before igniting the gasoline, Ortiz instructed the children to stay in the house until the fire department arrived. The children survived, but Mrs. McCormack did not.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ben C. Birdsall |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth Peasley |
| Start of Trial: | June 11, 1979 |
| Verdict: | July 2, 1979 |
| Sentencing: | October 15, 1979 |
| Execution: | October 27, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Grave risk of death to others
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ortiz*, 131 Ariz. 195, 639 P.2d 1020 (1981).
*Ortiz v. Stewart*, 149 F.3d 923 (9th Cir. 1998).

# MICHAEL KENT POLAND

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 11, 1940 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 24, 1977, two Purolator guards, Russell Dempsey and Cecil Newkirk, left Phoenix in an armored van on their run to banks in Prescott, Sedona and Flagstaff. At the Bumblebee Road exit on Interstate-17, they were stopped by the Polands, who were disguised as highway patrolmen and were driving a car fitted with emergency lights. The Polands took the guards captive and removed close to $300,000 in cash. On May 25, 1977, authorities found the abandoned Purolator van. That morning, Michael rented a boat at the Lake Mead marina and piloted the boat to a little-used landing, where he met his brother. They put the guards into canvas bags, took them across the lake, and dumped them into the water. The bodies surfaced 3 weeks later in a cove on the Nevada side of the lake. The Polands were convicted in federal court on robbery and kidnaping charges, and in state court on the murder charges.

PROCEEDINGS

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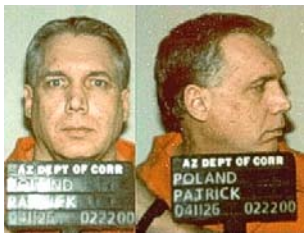
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul G. Rosenblatt |
| Prosecutors: | Billy Hicks (first trial) |
| | Melvin McDonald, Wesley Jennings, Steven Twist (second trial) |
| Start of Trial: | October 23, 1979 (first trial) |
| | October 18, 1982 (second trial) |
| Verdicts: | November 24, 1979 (first trial) |
| | November 18, 1982 (second trial) |
| Sentencing: | April 9, 1980 (first trial) |
| | February 3, 1983 (second trial) |
| Execution: | June 16, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*United States v. Poland*, 659 F.2d 884 (9th Cir. 1981).
*State v. Poland (Michael)*, 132 Ariz. 269, 645 P.2d 784 (1982).
*State v. Poland (Michael)*, 144 Ariz. 412, 698 P.2d 207 (1985).
*Poland v. Arizona*, 476 U.S. 147, 106 S. Ct. 1749 (1986).
*Poland v. Stewart*, 117 F.3d 1094 (9th Cir. 1997).

# PATRICK GENE POLAND

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 8, 1950 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 24, 1977, two Purolator guards, Russell Dempsey and Cecil Newkirk, left Phoenix in an armored van on their run to banks in Prescott, Sedona and Flagstaff. At the Bumblebee Road exit on Interstate-17, they were stopped by the Polands, who were disguised as highway patrolmen and were driving a car fitted with emergency lights. The Polands took the guards captive and removed close to $300,000 in cash. On May 25, 1977, authorities found the abandoned Purolator van. That morning, Michael rented a boat at the Lake Mead marina and piloted the boat to a little-used landing, where he met his brother. They put the guards into canvas bags, took them across the lake, and dumped them into the water. The bodies surfaced 3 weeks later in a cove on the Nevada side of the lake. The Polands were convicted in federal court on robbery and kidnapping charges, and in state court on the murder charges.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul G. Rosenblatt |
| Prosecutors: | Billy Hicks (first trial) |
| | Melvin McDonald, Wesley Jennings, Steven Twist (second trial) |
| Start of Trial: | October 23, 1979 (first trial) |
| | October 18, 1982 (second trial) |
| Verdicts: | November 24, 1979 (first trial) |
| | November 18, 1982 (second trial) |
| Sentencing: | April 9, 1980 (first trial) |
| | February 3, 1983 (second trial) |
| Execution: | March 15, 2000 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*United States v. Poland*, 659 F.2d 884 (9th Cir. 1981).
*State v. Poland (Patrick)*, 132 Ariz. 269, 645 P.2d 784 (1982).
*State v. Poland (Patrick)*, 144 Ariz. 388, 698 P.2d 183 (1985).
*Poland v. Arizona*, 476 U.S. 147, 106 S. Ct. 1749 (1986).
*Poland v. Stewart*, 151 F.3d 1014 (9th Cir. 1998), *amended*, 169 F.3d 573 (9th Cir. 1999).

# ARTHUR MARTIN ROSS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 24, 1954 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On April 10, 1990, Arthur Ross telephoned the victim, a 26-year-old male real estate agent. He told the victim that he was interested in leasing a vacant office at the corner of Ina and Thorneydale in Tucson. Ross met with the victim, and once inside the office, shot the victim twice in the head with a nine millimeter handgun. Ross fled with the victim's wallet, which contained a credit card, a bank card, and identification. He then used the bank card to withdraw approximately $800 from the victim's account at automatic teller machines in Tucson and Casa Grande. The victim's roommate and a co-worker became concerned when he did not return from the appointment. They obtained his appointment book and went to the office building, where they found the body. Police followed a trail of credit card and bank card transactions, which led to the defendant's arrest in Casa Grande on April 14, 1990.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael D. Alfred |
| Prosecutor: | Rick Unklesbay |
| Start of Trial: | December 18, 1990 |
| Verdict: | February 1, 1991 |
| Sentencing: | April 19, 1991 |
| Execution: | April 29, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ross*, 180 Ariz. 598, 886 P.2d 1354 (1994).

# RICHARD D. STOKLEY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 9, 1952 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On July 8, 1991, Stokley and Randy Brazeal kidnapped two 13-year-old girls near Elfrida in Cochise County and took them to a remote area, where they raped them. Fearing the consequences, they agreed to kill the girls, and each man strangled one of the girls. To ensure that the victims were dead, Stokley repeatedly stomped on them, and stabbed each of them in the right eye. Stokley and Brazeal then threw the bodies down a water-filled mine shaft.

PROCEEDINGS

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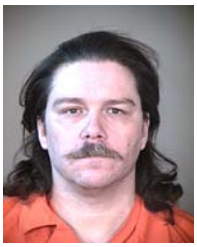
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Matthew Borowiec |
| Prosecutor: | Chris M. Roll and Vincent J. Festa |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert Arentz and Philip Maxey |
| Start of Trial: | March 12, 1992 |
| Verdict: | March 27, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | July 14, 1992 |
| Execution | December 5, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple murders
- Age of victims (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Stokley*, 182 Ariz. 505, 898 P.2d 454 (1995).
*Stokley v. Ryan*, 659 F.3d 802 (9th Cir. 2011).

# ROBERT C. TOWERY



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 20, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On September 4, 1991, Towery and Randy Barker went to the home of Mark Jones to rob him. Jones knew Towery, and let Towery and Barker into the home. Towery pulled a pistol on Jones, and Barker handcuffed him. Towery took valuables from the house and loaded them into Jones's vehicle. Barker took Jones to the bedroom. Towery told Jones that he was going to give him injections with something that would make him sleep. Towery then injected Jones with battery acid. Jones was not struggling because he trusted Towery. Towery then sought to strangle Jones to death. When the first try failed, he tried again and succeeded. Towery and Barker then left in Jones's car, unloaded Jones's property at their home, and left the car in a nearby parking lot. On September 5, 1991, Jones's body was discovered. On September 12, 1993, Jones's car was recovered. As a result of a tip given to the silent witness program, Towery and Barker were later arrested. Some of Jones's property was recovered from Towery's and Barker's homes.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Cheryl K. Hendrix |
| Prosecutor: | John Ditsworth |
| Defense Counsel: | James Hazel, Jr. |
| Start of Trial: | August 3, 1992 |
| Verdict: | August 14, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | November 20, 1992 |
| Execution | March 8, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior convictions for crimes of violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Towery,* 186 Ariz. 168, 920 P.2d 290 (1996).
*State v. Towery, et. al.*, 204 Ariz. 386, 64 P.3d 828 (2003).
*Towery v. Schriro*, 622 F.3d 1237 (9th Cir. 2010).
*Towery v. Schriro*, 641 F.3d 300 (9th Cir. 2010).

# ROBERT WAYNE VICKERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 29, 1958 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On October 4, 1978, Vickers killed his cellmate, Frank Ponziano, because Ponziano did not wake him up for lunch and drank Vickers' Kool-Aid. Vickers carved the word "Bonazi" (his prison nickname) in Ponziano's back.

On March 4, 1982, while on death row for the Ponziano murder, Vickers left his cell to do some clean-up chores. He went instead to the cell of Buster Holsinger, another death row inmate. Vickers was upset over an earlier remark Holsinger had made about Vickers' niece. Vickers doused Holsinger with some Vitalis he had been saving and then threw burning toilet paper on Holsinger, setting him on fire. Holsinger died as a result of tracheobronchial burns. Vickers' 1999 execution resulted from the Holsinger murder.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert R. Bean (first trial) |
| | Hon. James E. Don (second trial) |
| Prosecutors: | Victor Cook (first trial) |
| | Barry McNaughton (second trial) |
| Start of Trial: | September 28, 1982 (first trial) |
| | October 16, 1985 (second trial) |
| Verdict: | September 29, 1982 (first trial) |
| | October 25, 1985 (second trial) |
| Sentencing: | October 18, 1982 (first trial) |
| | April 24, 1986 (second trial) |
| Execution: | May 5, 1999 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Grave risk of death to others
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while in custody

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Vickers*, 138 Ariz. 450, 675 P.2d 710 (1983).
*State v. Vickers*, 159 Ariz. 532, 768 P.2d 1177 (1989).
*Vickers v. Stewart*, 144 F.3d 613 (9th Cir. 1998).

# JOSE ROBERTO VILLAFUERTE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 2, 1952 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On February 22, 1983, law enforcement officers responding to a disturbance call near Ash Fork, Arizona found Villafuerte asleep near a car belonging to Amelia Schoville. Villafuerte eventually told authorities that Schoville was his girlfriend and that they had fought the day before in his Phoenix trailer. Villafuerte claimed that Schoville attacked him with a knife after they had both been drinking. He claimed that in the course of disarming her, he had struck and kicked her several times and that she sustained a head wound when she fell against an air conditioning vent. Villafuerte stated that he had loosely bound Schoville to keep her from calling the police and had left in her car. When Phoenix police officers went to the trailer, they found Schoville's body on a bed. She was clad only in a blouse, bra, and panties, and her hands were tied behind her back. A strip of bedding bound one of her ankles to her hands, and her head was wrapped in a sheet, a bedspread, and long thermal underwear, all of which were bloodstained. A ball made of a tightly wrapped strip of bed sheet was found in her throat. Lab tests showed the presence of seminal fluid in her vagina. Schoville died as a result of gagging.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul LaPrade |
| Prosecutor: | James Minter |
| Start of Trial: | July 11, 1983 |
| Verdict: | July 18, 1983 |
| Sentencing: | September 9, 1983 |
| Execution: | April 22, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Villafuerte*, 142 Ariz. 323, 690 P.2d 42 (1984).
*Villafuerte v. Stewart*, 111 F.3d 616 (9th Cir. 1997).

# THOMAS PAUL WEST

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 28, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On June 26, 1987, West and some friends went to Don Bortle's trailer outside Tucson to buy some electronic goods Bortle had advertised for sale. On July 12, 1987, West returned to the trailer, tied Bortle up, beat him, and stole numerous items. West stole Bortle's car and took the stolen goods to Phoenix, where he intended to sell them. While in Phoenix, West told friends what he had done. One of his friends called the Pima County Sheriff's Office and told them to check on Bortle. On July 17, 1987, a deputy entered Bortle's trailer and found Bortle's bound and gagged body. Bortle had died from blunt force injuries to his head.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. G. Thomas Meehan |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth J. Peasley |
| Defense Counsel: | Frank Dawley and Maddalena Fiorillo |
| Start of Trial: | March 8, 1988 |
| Verdict: | March 17, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | August 1, 1988 |
| Execution: | July 19, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions for crimes of violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. West*, 176 Ariz. 432, 862 P.2d 192 (1993).
*West v. Ryan*, 608 F.3d 477, (9th Cir. 2010).

# WILLIAM LYLE WORATZECK

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 11, 1945 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Linda Louise Leslie was a 36-year-old woman who, because of Huntington's Chorea, had the mental capacity of a 15-year-old. She lived in a small sleeping room she rented from Woratzeck in Pinal County. On March 6, 1980, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Woratzeck broke into this room, strangled, stabbed and beat Ms. Leslie to death, and robbed her of approximately $107. He then set the building on fire.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert R. Bean |
| Prosecutor: | W. Allen Stooks |
| Start of Trial: | September 10, 1980 |
| Verdict: | September 15, 1980 |
| Sentencing: | November 10, 1980 |
| Execution: | June 25, 1997 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Woratzeck*, 134 Ariz. 452, 657 P.2d 865 (1982).
*Woratzeck v. Ricketts*, 799 F.2d 1365 (9th Cir. 1986).
*Woratzeck v. Ricketts*, 808 F.2d 1322 (9th Cir. 1986).
*Woratzeck v. Ricketts*, 820 F.2d 1450 (9th Cir. 1987).
*Woratzeck v. Ricketts*, 859 F.2d 1559 (9th Cir. 1988).
*Woratzeck v. Lewis*, 863 F. Supp. 1079 (D. Ariz. 1994).
*Woratzeck v. Stewart*, 97 F.2d 329 (9th Cir. 1996).
*Woratzeck v. Stewart*, 117 F.3d 400 (9th Cir. 1997).
*Woratzeck v. Stewart*, 118 F.3d 648 (9th Cir. 1997).

# INMATES PRESENTLY ON DEATH ROW

**- Inmates sentenced prior to August 1, 2002 (judge sentencing)**
**- Inmates sentenced after August 1, 2002 (jury sentencing)**

# INMATES SENTENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2002

# MICHAEL APELT

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 1, 1963 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Michael Apelt and his brother, Rudi, came to Arizona from West Germany and began Acourting@ numerous women. Michael eventually met Cynthia Monkman and married her in October 1988. One month later, Michael applied for $400,000 in life insurance on Cynthia. The policies became effective on December 22, 1988. On the night of December 23, Michael and Rudi took Cynthia into the desert near Apache Junction and killed her by stabbing her several times in the chest and back and cutting her throat. Michael and Rudi returned to Mesa and, in the early morning hours of December 24, Michael called the police and reported that Cynthia had disappeared. Her body was found in the desert later that day. Rudi Apelt was tried separately and was convicted of first degree murder, and sentenced to death.

PROCEEDINGS

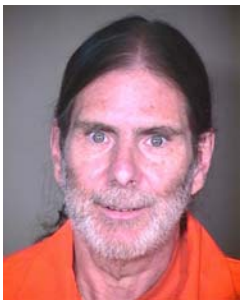
| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert R. Bean |
| Prosecutor: | Catherine Hughes |
| Defense Counsel: | Michael Villareal and Kelly Robertson |
| Start of Trial: | April 18, 1990 |
| Verdict: | May 11, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | August 10, 1990 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Procured commission of the offense
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Apelt (Michael)*, 176 Ariz. 349, 861 P.2d 634 (1993).
*State v. Arellano*, 213 Ariz. 474, 143 P.3d 1015 (2006).

# FRANK JARVIS ATWOOD



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 9, 1956 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Atwood had been convicted of lewd and lascivious acts and kidnapping an 8-year-old boy in California. In May 1984, he was paroled from the kidnapping sentence. Atwood came to Tucson in September 1984 in violation of his California parole. On September 17, 8-year-old Vicky Lynn Hoskinson was riding her bicycle home after mailing a letter. Atwood kidnapped the girl, molested her, and killed her. He left her body in the desert and fled to Texas, where he was apprehended. Vicky's body was not found until April 1985.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John Hawkins |
| Prosecutor: | John Davis |
| Defense Counsel: | Stanton Bloom |
| Start of Trial: | January 19, 1987 |
| Verdict: | March 26, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | May 8, 1987 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Atwood*, 171 Ariz. 576, 832 P.2d 593 (1992).

# SCOTT DRAKE CLABOURNE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 6, 1960 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of September 18, 1980, Laura Webster, a University of Arizona student, was at the Green Dolphin Bar in Tucson with friends. She met Clabourne and Larry Langston at the bar and left with them. Clabourne and Langston then took Webster to the house of a friend of Langston. Ms. Webster was repeatedly raped and sodomized, then strangled and stabbed in the heart three times. Her body was dumped in an arroyo, where it was found the next morning. Langston pled guilty to murder and received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard N. Roylston (trial and original sentencing) |
| | Hon. Roberto C. Montiel (resentencing) |
| Prosecutors: | Geoffrey Cheadle, Jr. and Lynn Gallagher (trial & original sentencing) |
| | Kenneth Peasley and Joseph Maziarz (resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Lamar Couser (trial and original sentencing) |
| | Michael Bloom and Carla Ryan (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | November 16, 1982 |
| Verdict: | November 23, 1982 |
| Sentencing: | January 24, 1983 |
| Resentencing: | August 14, 1997 |

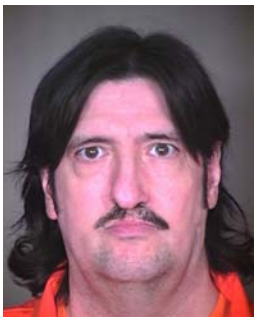
Aggravating Circumstances

Especially cruel, heinous and depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Clabourne*, 142 Ariz. 335, 690 P.2d 54 (1984).
*Clabourne v. Lewis*, 64 F.3d 1373 (9th Cir. 1995).
*State v. Clabourne*, 194 Ariz. 379, 983 P.2d 748 (1999).

# DAVID SCOTT DETRICH



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 20, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Black / African American |

On the evening of November 4, 1989, David Detrich and codefendant Charlton traveled to Tucson from Benson, Arizona. They picked up the victim, a 38-year-old female, who was hitchhiking somewhere in the Tucson area. Charlton then drove Detrich and the victim, a known drug addict, to a residential location where they bought $75 worth of cocaine. They went to the victim's home and the victim went into a bedroom and returned with a hypodermic syringe. Detrich became extremely angry when he realized that the cocaine was Abad@ and could not be intravenously injected. He threatened the victim and blamed her for the poor quality of cocaine. Detrich demanded that the victim have sex with him, but the victim ignored him and pretended to sleep. Detrich then placed a knife to her throat and continued to threaten her and demanded sex. While holding her at knife point, Detrich forced the victim into Charlton's car and told Charlton to drive out of town. Detrich raped the victim in the front seat and stabbed her several times before slitting her throat.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael Alfred |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth Peasley |
| Defense Counsel: | Harold Higgins, Jr. |
| Start of Trial: | October 23, 1990 |
| Verdict: | November 2, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | February 7, 1991 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Detrich*, 178 Ariz. 380, 873 P.2d 1302 (1994).
*State v. Detrich*, 188 Ariz. 57, 932 P.2d 1328 (1997).
*Detrich v. Ryan*, 619 F.3d 1038 (9th Cir. 2010).

# GREGORY DICKENS

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 7, 1965 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of September 10, 1991, Bryan and Laura Bernstein stopped at a rest area off Interstate 8 outside of Yuma. Dickens (26 years of age) and his 16-year-old accomplice, Travis Amaral, had been waiting near the rest area for Aappropriate victims@ to rob. Dickens told Amaral to Aleave no witnesses.@ When they saw the Bernsteins get out of their car, Amaral walked across the Interstate, with a handgun Dickens had previously stolen, and approached the Bernsteins. Amaral pointed the gun at Bryan and told him to give Amaral his wallet. After Bryan gave Amaral the wallet, Amaral marched the Bernsteins past their car and toward the desert, where he put the muzzle to the back of Laura's head and fired. About 30 seconds later he shot Bryan in the back of the head. Several minutes later, a deputy sheriff pulled into the rest area and found the Bernsteins. Bryan was still alive and was able to tell the deputy what happened. Both Laura and Bryan died from the gunshot wounds.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Tom C. Cole |
| Prosecutors: | Conrad Mallek and James Coil |
| Defense Counsel: | Michael Donovan (trial and sentencing) and Michael Telep (trial only) |
| Start of Trial: | January 26, 1993 |
| Verdict: | February 23, 1993 |
| Sentencing: | December 16, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain (both)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Bryan)
- Multiple homicides (both)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Dickens*, 187 Ariz. 1, 926 P.2d 468 (1996).

# RICHARD K. DJERF

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 6, 1969 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On September 14, 1993, Djerf forced himself into the Luna residence at gunpoint. Djerf believed Albert Luna, Jr. had burglarized his house. Patricia Luna and her 5-year-old son Damien were at home. Djerf secured Mrs. Luna and her son by tying their arms and legs and gagging them. When Rochelle Luna arrived several hours later, Djerf took her to her bedroom where he raped and killed her. When Albert Luna, Sr. arrived at home, Djerf forced him into his bedroom at gunpoint. Djerf handcuffed Mr. Luna to a bed and smashed his head with a baseball bat, and then removed the handcuffs because he believed Mr. Luna was dead. Djerf then returned to the kitchen where Mrs. Luna and Damien were. Mr. Luna regained consciousness and charged Djerf. Djerf killed Mr. Luna, and shot Mrs. Luna and Damien in the head.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael D. Ryan |
| Prosecutor: | William K. Culbertson and Paul W. Ahler |
| Defense Counsel: | Michael Vaughn |
| Guilty Plea: | August 16, 1995 |
| Sentencing: | May 22, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides
- Age of victim (Under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Djerf*, 191 Ariz. 583 959 P.2d 1274 (1998).

# EUGENE DOERR

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 25, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On September 24, 1994, Eugene Doerr called police. He reported waking up and finding a dead woman in his bedroom in his Phoenix apartment. The nude victim, Karen Bohl, was found lying on the floor with several lacerations to her head. A nipple had been cut off her breast. She suffered major trauma to her vagina and rectal area. There were bruises and abrasions on her neck and other parts of her body. Investigators noticed signs of a major struggle inside the apartment, including bloodstains on walls, floors, and furniture. An autopsy later revealed Karen Bohl died from multiple blunt force trauma wounds.

Eugene Doerr's clothes and most of his body were covered in dried blood. When his clothing was removed, investigators observed that his pelvic area and penis were also saturated with dried blood. He had several injuries, including a broken hand, and a deep laceration to his wrist consistent with a knife wound. A bloody steak knife was found on the bathroom sink. A blood-stained brass pipe was located on the living room floor.

Eugene Doerr told police he had gone out drinking at a couple of bars the previous evening, and did not remember coming home. When he woke up, he found the victim's body and realized he was covered with blood. He claimed he had no idea what happened. The defendant informed an investigator the victim's purse was on the bathroom floor and her car was parked out front. He then tried to correct himself by saying he believed the car was hers. Doerr stated, "She must have really made me mad for me to do something to her like this." He asked an officer if he would be getting life in prison for the crime, then declined to answer questions without an attorney. Blood samples taken from Doerr showed no presence of drugs or alcohol.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald Reinstein |
| Prosecutor: | Karen O'Connor |
| Defense Counsel: | Kevin Burns and Brad Bransky |
| Start of Trial: | April 8, 1996 |
| Verdict: | April 15, 1996 |
| Sentencing: | November 27, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Doerr*, 193 Ariz. 56, 969 P.2d 1168 (1998).

# MICHAEL STEVEN GALLEGOS

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 10, 1971 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On March 16, 1990, Michael Steven Gallegos and George Anthony Smallwood were staying at Smallwood's mother's house when they decided to sexually assault Smallwood's 8-year-old half-sister, Kendall Wishon. They went into her room, and when she awoke, Gallegos held his hand over her mouth and nose causing her to suffocate. After Kendall became unconscious, Gallegos proceeded to have anal intercourse with her for 15 to 20 minutes. After finishing, Gallegos and Smallwood dumped the victim's body under a tree down the street from the Smallwood residence.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffery A. Hotham |
| Prosecutor: | Louis F. Stalzer |
| Defense Counsel: | Greg Clark (trial and sentencing) |
| | John M. Antieau (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | March 6, 1991 |
| Verdict: | March 14, 1991 |
| Sentencing: | May 24, 1991 |
| Resentencing: | October 24, 1994 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (Under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gallegos*, 178 Ariz. 1, 870 P.2d 1097 (1994).
*State v. Gallegos*, 185 Ariz. 340, 916 P.2d 1056 (1996).

# ERNEST V. GONZALES

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 8, 1964 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of February 20, 1990, the Wagner family returned to their town house in Phoenix from dinner where they had celebrated Darrel Wagner's recent promotion. When they entered their court yard, Deborah Wagner noticed a light shining out their opened front door. Darrel went inside while Deborah and her 7-year-old son remained in the court yard. Inside, Darrel saw Gonzales, a parolee, standing on the landing holding their VCR tucked underneath his arm. Deborah sent her son for help. When she turned back, Gonzales had shoved her husband out the front door, stabbing him. When Gonzales ignored her pleas to stop stabbing, Deborah climbed on his back. Gonzales stabbed her twice. One cut damaged her spleen, colon and diaphragm and the other punctured her lung. Gonzales then fled. Darrel Wagner lived long enough to help his wife up and then began a conversation with the 911 operator while gasping for air. Gonzales had stabbed him 7 times. Darrel Wagner died from stab wounds to his chest. Phoenix police arrested Gonzales on February 23, 1990. In addition to the murder, he was convicted of first-degree burglary, aggravated assault, armed robbery, theft, and of another residential burglary committed minutes before the murder. In addition to the death penalty, Gonzales was sentenced to three consecutive life terms.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. J.D. Howe |
| Prosecutor: | Jeffrey Sandler |
| Defense Counsel: | Morton Rivkind (trial) |
| | Baltazar J. Iniguez (sentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | May 23, 1991 (prior trial in January 1991 resulted in hung jury) |
| Verdict: | June 6, 1991 |
| Sentencing: | April 27, 1992 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Grave risk of death to others
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gonzales*, 181 Ariz. 502, 892 P.2d 838 (1995).
*Ryan v. Gonzales*, -- S.Ct -- (2013).

# BEAU J. GREENE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 2, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On February 28, 1995, Professor Johnson left a church concert at about 9:15 p.m. Johnson encountered Greene and an altercation ensued, and Greene beat Johnson to death with a lead weighted glove on his hand. Later that evening, Greene drove to a friend's house in Johnson's car, and obtained a rug and clean pair of shoes and pants, saying he needed clean clothes because his had blood and mud on them. Greene used the rug to cover the car seat, which had blood on it.

On March 1, Greene began making purchases with Johnson's credit cards, using a gauze bandage on his hand to disguise his signature. Later that evening, Greene told his ex-girlfriend he had killed someone by beating him with a stick and that he had to get rid of the car. Greene showed another friend Aproof of his kill.@ Greene drove the victim's car into the desert, and his ex-girlfriend followed in another car. A ranger stopped both vehicles, but Greene fled.

On March 3 when Greene was arrested, officers found property Greene had purchased with Johnson's credit card. Johnson's body was found on March 4 in a wash west of Tucson Mountain Park. Greene's story, disbelieved by judge and jury, was that Johnson made sexual advances and that he struck Johnson several times in the head after Johnson touched his leg. Before trial, Greene wrote a letter bragging about kicking in Johnson's skull. Before sentencing, he wrote another letter boasting about being on death row.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Bernardo Velasco |
| Prosecutor: | Rick Unklesbay |
| Defense Counsel: | David Darby and Julie Duvall |
| Start of Trial: | March 5, 1996 |
| Verdict: | March 15, 1996 |
| Sentencing: | August 26, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Greene*, 192 Ariz. 431, 967 P.2d 106 (1998).

# RICHARD HARLEY GREENWAY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 14, 1968 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On March 27, 1988, Greenway and Christopher Lincoln burglarized the Tucson home of Lili Champagne. Greenway shot and killed Mrs. Champagne and her 17-year-old daughter, Mindy, with a .22 rifle. He and Lincoln then stole some property, including Mrs. Champagne's Porsche. The two later abandoned the Porsche after setting it on fire. Greenway later boasted to a jail inmate that he had killed the women because they had seen his face. Lincoln, a juvenile, was tried as an adult and convicted for the murders. He received concurrent life sentences.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William Scholl |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth Peasley |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert G. Benedict and Jeffrey Bartolino |
| Start of Trial: | March 13, 1989 |
| Verdict: | March 17, 1989 |
| Sentencing: | June 15, 1989 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Greenway,* 170 Ariz. 155, 823 P.2d 22 (1991).
*Greenway v. Schriro*, 653 F.3d 790 (9th Cir. 2011).

# DAVID GULBRANDSON

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| Date of Birth: | December 30, 1944 |
| Defendant's Race: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Gulbrandson and the 45-year-old female victim operated a photography business, and also were involved in an intimate personal relationship. The victim ended their personal relationship in January of 1991, and Gulbrandson physically assaulted her on February 14, 1991. The victim sought and obtained a protective order against Gulbrandson as a result of this assault. On March 9, 1991, Gulbrandson threatened to kill the victim during a telephone conversation. Sometime late in the evening of March 10, 1991, or early in the morning of March 11, 1991, Gulbrandson entered the victim's home, and brutally tortured and murdered her while her two children were sleeping. Despite the victim's intense struggle, Gulbrandson inflicted 33 incision-type injuries all over her body, a puncture wound to her liver, and at least ten blunt force injuries. In addition, he cracked the victim's teeth, fractured her nose and seven of her ribs, embedded part of a wooden salad fork in her leg, and attempted to burn her by lighting her hair on fire. Gulbrandson killed her by either strangling her or by inflicting a blow to her neck which caused her to suffocate. Gulbrandson left the victim in the master bedroom clad only in her panties, with her ankles and one wrist bound with electrical cords, and he left three knives, one razor knife, and one pair of scissors, all of which were bloodstained, in the kitchen sink. Gulbrandson left the scene in the victim's car. Gulbrandson's fingerprints were found at the scene, and bloody clothing was found at his residence. The victim's car was located in Montana on April 1, 1991, and Gulbrandson was arrested there 2 days later.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. David L. Grounds |
| Prosecutor: | Michael Morrison |
| Defense Counsel: | Lyle Spillman |
| Start of Trial: | November 30, 1992 |
| Verdict: | December 15, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | February 19, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS
*State v. Gulbrandson,* 184 Ariz. 46, 906 P.2d 579 (1995).

# CHARLES MICHAEL HEDLUND

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 22, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On March 10, 1991, Hedlund and his half-brother, James Erin McKinney, brutally beat and shot 40-year-old Christine Mertens in her home, during the commission of a burglary. Mrs. Mertens' son found his mother dead, lying face down on the living room floor. Hedlund and McKinney had ransacked Mrs. Mertens' bedroom and rifled through her purse.

On March 23, 1991, Hedlund and McKinney burglarized the home of 65-year-old James McClain and shot him in the head while he was asleep in his bed. Hedlund and McKinney ransacked Mr. McClain's home and stole personal property, including several guns. Hedlund was convicted of first-degree murder for killing Mr. McClain and was sentenced to death. He was convicted of second-degree murder for killing Mrs. Martens, two counts of burglary in the first degree, and one count of theft.

PROCEEDINGS

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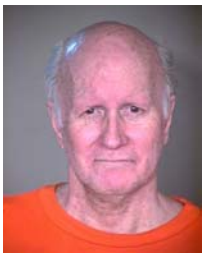
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven D. Sheldon |
| Prosecutor: | Louis Stalzer |
| Defense Counsel: | Peter Leander and Thomas Phalen |
| Start of Trial: | October 13, 1992 |
| Verdict: | November 12, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | July 30, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Previously convicted of a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*Hedlund v. Sheldon*, 173 Ariz. 143, 840 P.2d 1008 (1992).
*State v. Hedlund*, 185 Ariz. 567, 917 P.2d 1214 (1996).

# GRAHAM SAUNDERS HENRY



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 24, 1946 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On June 6, 1986, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Henry and Vernon Foote kidnapped Roy Estes from his Las Vegas apartment. The two men forced Estes into his truck and drove off with him. Estes, an elderly man, was partially paralyzed and used a walker. Henry and Foote took Estes to a desert area approximately 40 miles north of Kingman, where they cut his throat and stabbed him in the heart. After hiding Estes' body behind a bush, Henry and Foote drove back to Highway 93, where police officers stopped Henry, who was driving the wrong way on the highway. Henry gave the police a false name and was arrested for drunk driving. On June 8, 1986, after learning Henry's true name and that Estes was missing, the police questioned Henry about Estes' whereabouts. Henry immediately blamed Foote for killing Estes and led police to the body. In a separate trial, Foote was convicted of robbery and theft, but the jury could not reach a verdict on the murder charge. Foote later pled guilty to attempted first-degree murder.

PROCEEDINGS

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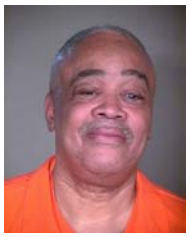
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven F. Conn |
| Prosecutor: | James J. Zack (trial and resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Kenneth D. Everett (trial) |
| | Gerald T. Gavin (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | November 24, 1987 |
| Verdict: | December 9, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | March 16, 1988 |
| Resentencing: | February 23, 1995 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Henry*, 176 Ariz. 569, 863 P.2d 861 (1993).
*State v. Henry*, 189 Ariz. 542, 944 P.2d 57 (1997).

# MURRAY HOOPER



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 22, 1945 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of December 31, 1980, William Bracy and Murray Hooper (both of whom were from Chicago), and Edward McCall (a former Phoenix police officer) went to the home of Patrick Redmond in Phoenix. Mr. Redmond, his wife Marilyn, and his mother-in-law, Helen Phelps, were there preparing for a New Year's Eve party. Bracy, Hooper, and McCall entered the house at gunpoint and forced the Redmonds and Mrs. Phelps into the master bedroom. After taking jewelry and money, the intruders bound and gagged the victims. They then shot each victim in the head and also slashed Mr. Redmond's throat. Mr. Redmond and Mrs. Phelps died from their wounds, but Mrs. Redmond survived and later identified all three killers.

Bracy and Hooper were convicted of the murders following a joint trial. McCall and Robert Cruz (who was alleged to have hired the killers) were also convicted of the murders following a joint trial. Cruz won a new trial on appeal, was convicted again, won another new trial on appeal, and was ultimately found not guilty. Joyce Lukezic (the wife of Mr. Redmond's business partner) was also charged with the murders, and was convicted in a separate trial. After obtaining a new trial, she was found not guilty.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Cecil Patterson |
| Prosecutors: | Joseph Brownlee and Michael Jones |
| Defense Counsel: | Grant Woods |
| Start of Trial: | November 4, 1982 |
| Verdict: | December 24, 1982 |
| Sentencing: | February 11, 1983 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hooper,* 145 Ariz. 538, 703 P.2d 482 (1985).

# RICHARD D. HURLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 1, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On November 12, 1992, two witnesses observed Hurles in the Buckeye Public library looking at childrens' books. At about 3:00 p.m., two men tried to enter the library, but found the front door locked. As these men were trying to get in, another witness saw Hurles leaving from the rear door of the library. One of the men looked in a window, and saw a woman, who was the librarian, lying in a pool of blood. When the police arrived, they found that the victim's blouse was bloody, her skirt was pulled up around her waist, and she was naked from the waist down. The victim had been stabbed 37 times, and later died from these stab wounds.

That same afternoon, Hurles went to his nephew's house and asked his nephew to give him a ride to the Phoenix Greyhound bus station. On the way to Phoenix, Hurles threw a bloody tee-shirt and blue jeans into the desert. Hurles was later arrested when the bus stopped in Wickenberg. At trial, the jurors found Hurles guilty of first-degree murder, attempted sexual assault, and first-degree burglary.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ruth Hilliard |
| Prosecutor: | Al Fenzel |
| Defense Counsel: | Michelle Hamilton |
| Start of Trial: | March 31, 1994 |
| Verdict: | April 15, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | October 13, 1994 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hurles*, 185 Ariz. 199, 914 P.2d 1291 (1996).

*Hurles v. Ryan*, 650 F.3d 1301 (9th Cir. 2011).

# STEVEN CRAIG JAMES

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 24, 1958 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On November 16, 1981, Juan Maya picked up 14-year-old Marty Norton and made homosexual advances towards him. Norton rebuffed Maya, but suggested that he might find a more hospitable reception in a trailer belonging to James. When Maya followed Norton into the trailer, James, Lawrence Libberton, and Norton took turns beating him. The three then forced Maya into the back seat of his own car and drove toward Salome, where James' parents owned some property with an abandoned mine shaft on it. En route, a police officer stopped them; Libberton threatened to kill Maya if he attempted to draw the officer's attention. After arriving at the Salome property around dawn, James ordered Maya to step up to the mine shaft. As Maya pleaded for his life, James fired directly at him from a distance of less than 5 feet. Maya charged James and tried to get the gun, so Libberton and Norton began striking Maya with large rocks and a board. After Maya fell to the ground, they fired point blank at him three more times. Nothing came out of the pistol because the barrel was fouled with debris. They then dragged Maya to the mine shaft and threw him in, dropping rocks and railroad ties on top of him. Norton pled to several charges as a juvenile and testified against Libberton and James.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James J. Moeller |
| Prosecutor: | Myrna Parker |
| Defense Counsel: | Terry H. Pillinger |
| Start of Trial: | September 16, 1982 |
| Verdict: | October 4, 1982 |
| Sentencing: | November 23, 1982 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. James*, 141 Ariz. 141, 685 P.2d 1293 (1984).
*James v. Schriro*, 679 F.3d 780 (9th Cir. 2011).

# BARRY L. JONES

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 26, 1958 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Jones sexually assaulted and beat 4-year-old Rachael Gray to death. In April 1994, Angela Gray and her three children, including Rachael, were living with Jones. On the afternoon of May 1, 1994, while Angela was asleep, Jones took Rachel out of the house in his van, and was later seen hitting her with his hand and elbow. When Angela awoke, she discovered that Rachel's head was cut and she was bleeding. Jones said that Rachel cut her head when some neighbor children pushed her down. Rachel continued to bleed and throw up during the night, but Jones would not let Angela take her to the hospital. By the time Rachel was taken to the hospital, she was dead as the result of a ruptured intestine. The jurors found Jones guilty of all five counts. In addition to the sentence of death for the murder, the trial court sentenced Jones to concurrent sentences totaling 35 years for the first three counts, and a consecutive sentence of life with no parole eligibility for 35 years for the fourth count.

PROCEEDINGS

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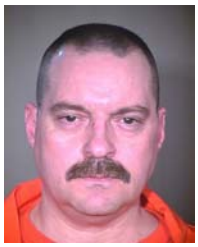
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James C. Carruth |
| Prosecutor: | Kathleen Mayer |
| Defense Counsel: | Sean Bruner and Leslie Bowman |
| Start of Trial: | April 5, 1995 |
| Verdict: | April 14, 1995 |
| Sentencing: | July 6, 1995 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Jones*, 188 Ariz. 388, 937 P.2d 310 (1997).

# DANNY L. JONES



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 24, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On March 26, 1992, Jones and Robert Weaver were visiting in Robert's garage. Inside the home, Robert's 74-year-old grandmother, Katherine Gumina, sat watching television while Robert's 7-year-old daughter, Tisha, lay on the floor, working on some school work. At approximately 8:40 p.m., Jones attacked Robert from behind, striking him once in the head with a bat as he sat on an inverted bucket in the garage. Once Robert was down, Jones entered the home, walked to the living room, and attacked Katherine Gumina. Tisha Weaver immediately fled to her parents' bedroom, where she hid under the bed. Leaving Gumina for dead, Jones searched the house for Tisha. Upon finding her, Jones dragged Tisha out from under the bed and struck her twice in the head. Jones then strangled her. Once Tisha was dead, Jones raided Robert's gun cabinet, stealing his gun collection. Jones then took the keys to Katherine Gumina's car and went out to the garage to place the guns in the car. There, Jones found that Robert had regained consciousness. Jones, still armed with the bat, chased Robert as he attempted to flee. Upon catching Robert, Jones inflicted three more blows to his head. Once Robert was down, Jones inflicted two additional blows. After loading the guns into Katherine Gumina's car, Jones fled the residence.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James E. Chavez |
| Prosecutor: | John S. Taylor |
| Defense Counsel: | Lee Novak |
| Start of Trial: | August 31, 1993 |
| Verdict: | September 13, 1993 |
| Sentencing: | December 9, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain (Robert & Tisha Weaver)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Robert & Tisha Weaver)
- Multiple homicides (Robert & Tisha Weaver)
- Age of victim (Under 15) (Tisha Weaver)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Jones (Danny)*, 185 Ariz. 471, 917 P.2d 200 (1996).
*Jones v. Ryan*, 583 F.3d 626 (9th Cir. 2009).

# ROBERT G. JONES

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 25, 1969 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On May 30, 1996, Robert Jones and Scott Nordstrom entered the Moon Smoke Shop in Tucson. Jones immediately started shooting a gun, hitting a customer in the head and injuring an employee. Nordstrom shot another employee in the head. Jones and Nordstrom took money, which they shared with lookout David Nordstrom.

On June 13, 1996, Robert Jones and Scott Nordstrom entered the Firefighters Union Hall in Tucson. Jones shot three customers in the head and took one of the victim's wallet. Nordstrom killed the bartender after he was unable to open the safe. Jones and Nordstrom took money from a cash register. Both cases were solved when David Nordstrom contacted the police.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John S. Leonardo |
| Prosecutor: | David White |
| Defense Counsel: | Eric Larsen and David Braun |
| Start of Trial: | June 17, 1998 |
| Verdict: | June 26, 1998 |
| Sentencing: | December 7, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior convictions for serious offenses
- Pecuniary gain
- Committed while on supervised release (parole)
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Jones (Robert G.)*, 197 Ariz. 290, 4 P.3d 345 (2000).
*Jones v. Ryan*, 691 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. 2012).

# GEORGE RUSSELL KAYER, SR.

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 20, 1954 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

George Russell Kayer, who was wanted for violating his probation, borrowed money from his friend, Delbert L. Haas, so he could gamble in Laughlin, Nevada. Kayer's girlfriend, Lisa Dawn Kester, went with Kayer and Haas to Laughlin where Kayer lost all his money in heavy gambling. Kayer told Haas, however, that he had won big, but his winnings had been stolen from him. Prior to returning to Arizona, Kayer told his girlfriend that they were going to rob Haas and then kill him. When they stopped in Kingman for some beer, Kayer armed himself with a hand gun. Later, they turned off the Interstate and drove into some woods so the victim could relieve himself. Kayer stopped his girlfriend from leaving the vehicle. He then got out of the van and shot Delbert Haas in the back of the head. He returned to the van with Haas' wallet, watch, and some jewelry. They drove a short distance, then Kayer said AOh damn, I didn't get his keys.@ They returned to the scene of the killing. After checking the body, Kayer returned to the van for the gun telling Kester that the victim was not dead. He then shot Haas again in the head. With his keys, they went to Haas' home in Spring Valley where Kayer stole some guns, a camera, and some jewelry. Eventually, they returned to Nevada. About 10 days after the murder, Kester reported the murder to officials saying she was upset because Kayer was gambling away all the money and when she confronted him about it, he said "You sometimes have to kill people to survive." Kayer was convicted of both premeditated and felony murder, as well as trafficking in stolen property, and theft of a firearm both of which were enhanced with two historical prior felony convictions.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William T. Kiger |
| Prosecutor: | Arthur T. Markham |
| Defense Counsel: | David Stoller and Marc J. Victor |
| Start of Trial: | March 5, 1997 |
| Verdict: | March 26, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | July 15, 1997 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Kayer*, 194 Ariz. 423, 984 P.2d 31 (1999).

# CHAD ALAN LEE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 26, 1972 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On April 6, 1992, Chad Lee and 14-year-old David Hunt kidnapped Linda Reynolds, a Pizza Hut delivery person, from a vacant house. They forced her to remove her clothing in the backyard. Lee and Hunt drove her out to the desert area of Camelback and 115th Avenue. They destroyed her car, sexually assaulted her, and robbed her. Lee and Hunt then drove her to the First Interstate Bank at 83rd Avenue and Indian School, where they forced her to withdraw $20 from the automatic teller machine. They then drove her back to the desert area. Lee shot Linda in the head. However, because Linda was still alive, Lee stabbed her twice in the chest, perforating her heart and lung.

On April 15, 1992, Lee and Hunt robbed and murdered David Lacey, a Metro Taxi Cab driver. Lee shot David Lacey four times, and dumped his body. Lee and Hunt abandoned the cab in another location.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald S. Reinstein |
| Prosecutor: | Al Fenzel |
| Defense Counsel: | Alan M. Simpson |
| Start of Trial: | March 9, 1994 |
| Verdict: | March 24, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | June 23, 1994 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by death
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Linda Reynolds)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lee (I)*, 189 Ariz. 590, 944 P.2d 1204 (1997).

# CHAD ALAN LEE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 26, 1972 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On April 27, 1992, at 1:00 a.m., Chad Lee entered the AM-PM mini-market on 19th Avenue, in Phoenix, with the intent to rob the store and leave no witnesses. Lee pulled a gun on the clerk, Harold Drury, and demanded money. Lee pulled out the entire cash drawer, instead of the cash, to prevent the surveillance camera from activating. Lee shot Drury multiple times. Lee then dismantled the revolver and threw it in a dumpster across the street from the market.

PROCEEDINGS

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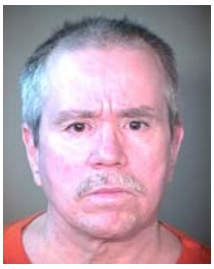
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald S. Reinstein |
| Prosecutor: | Al Fenzel |
| Defense Counsel: | Alan M. Simpson |
| Start of Trial: | August 23, 1994 |
| Verdict: | August 29, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | October 5, 1994 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lee (II)*, 189 Ariz. 608, 944 P.2d 1222 (1997).

# DARRELL LEE



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 6, 1957 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 5, 1991, Darrell Lee and Karen Thompson approached John Calvin Anderson at his car to kidnap and rob him in order to get money to buy drugs. Lee and Thompson took Anderson's money and credit cards, then took him to a bank machine where they forced him to tell them his PIN number. Thompson then used Anderson's bank card to withdraw money from the ATM. Mr. Anderson begged for his life, and Lee told him he would not be harmed. Lee and Thompson bound Anderson and left him in a ditch. A short time later, however, they came back and got Anderson and put him in the trunk of his car. Lee and Thompson drove from Phoenix to La Paz County, with Anderson bound in the trunk for approximately 8 hours. Using a garden hose, Lee unsuccessfully attempted to poison Anderson with automobile exhaust. Anderson tried to escape, but Lee recaptured him. Lee attempted to strangle Anderson with a belt, then held him while Thompson killed him by hitting him in the head with a rock. Lee again strangled Anderson after Thompson struck the fatal blow.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael Irwin |
| Prosecutor: | Steven Suskin |
| Defense Counsel: | Stephen Politi |
| Start of Trial: | November 10, 1992 |
| Verdict: | November 17, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | March 8, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lee (Darrel),* 185 Ariz. 549, 917 P.2d 692 (1996).

# GEORGE MOLINA LOPEZ

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 5, 1953 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

In August 1989, Lopez was living in a Tucson apartment with his girlfriend, Anna Abeyta, and their 1-year-old son, Anthony. Around 10:00 a.m. on August 26, Anna went shopping and left Anthony home with Lopez. When she returned around noon, Anthony had bruises on his forehead and chin and seemed unusually quiet. Lopez told her that the child had pulled a nightstand over on top of himself. Anna wanted to take the boy to a doctor, but Lopez persuaded her he would be all right. About 2 hours later, Anna went to the laundromat. When she returned, Lopez was performing CPR on Anthony. They took the child to the hospital where he died a short time later. The autopsy showed that Anthony had numerous bruises on his face, chest and back, a skull fracture on each side of the back of his head, broken ribs and a torn pancreas.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Margaret M. Houghton |
| Prosecutors: | Sylvia Lafferty and Allen McVey |
| Defense Counsel: | Sean H. Bruner and Jackie Marshall |
| Start of Trial: | April 3, 1990 |
| Verdict: | April 10, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | May 17, 1990 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lopez (George M.)*, 174 Ariz. 131, 847 P.2d 1078 (1992).
*Lopez v. Schriro*, 491 F.3d 1029 (9th Cir. 2007).

# ERIC OWEN MANN

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 26, 1961 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | White / Anglo, Mexican American / Hispanic |

Mann decided to conduct a drug Arip-off@ of a friend, Richard Alberts, and invited Alberts to buy drugs from him at his home. Alberts arrived at Mann's home on the night of November 23, 1989, with a friend, Ramon Bazurto. Mann did not expect Bazurto. They went into Mann's bedroom, where Mann handed Alberts a box that Alberts believed contained cocaine but actually contained paper. Alberts handed Mann a bag containing cash. When Alberts opened the box, Mann shot him and then shot Bazurto. Mann and his girlfriend took the bodies to Alberts' car, and Mann and another friend drove to Graham County, where they deposited the bodies near a roadway. Mann and his girlfriend then bought paint and repainted the bedroom. The bodies were found the next day, November 24, 1989, but the murders remained unsolved until Mann's girlfriend confessed her witnessing of the murders to Washington State authorities.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John F. Kelly |
| Prosecutor: | John W. Dickinson |
| Defense Counsel: | David Sherman |
| Start of Trial: | October 25, 1994 |
| Verdict: | November 1, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | February 1, 1995 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Bazurto)
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Mann*, 188 Ariz. 220, 934 P.2d 784 (1997).
*State v. Towery, et. al.*, 204 Ariz. 386, 64 P.3d 828 (2003).

# ERNESTO S. MARTINEZ, III

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 17, 1975 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

In July 1995, Martinez stole a blue Monte Carlo in California and a license plate from another California car. Two days before the murder, he showed a friend in Globe his revolver with black electrical tape wrapped around the handle. Martinez had prior convictions for violent crimes, was in violation of his probation, and did not want to go back to prison. On August 15, 1995, several drivers noticed Martinez because of his excessive speed on S.R. 87. One couple passed him just after Officer Robert Martin had stopped him and was approaching the stolen Monte Carlo. Martinez shot Officer Martin four times and took his service revolver. Due to Martinez's reckless, high-speed driving while fleeing the scene, several other drivers took down the Monte Carlo's license plate number. Martinez fled to California, where the police arrested him a day later and recovered the murder weapon and Officer Martin's service revolver. After his arrest, Martinez was overheard during a telephone call bragging to a friendCand laughingCthat he had killed a cop. Tests revealed that at least one of the bullets that struck Officer Martin was fired from Martinez's tape-wrapped revolver.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffrey Hotham (trial);<br>Hon. Christopher M. Skelly (sentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Robert Shutts and Juan Martinez |
| Defense Counsel: | Emmet J. Ronan and Todd Coolidge |
| Start of Trial: | September 4, 1997 |
| Verdict: | September 26, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | August 18, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction for serious offenses
- Murder of a peace officer in the line of duty

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Martinez (Ernesto)*, 196 Ariz. 451, 999 P.2d 795 (2000).

# JAMES ERIN McKINNEY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 4, 1967 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On March 10, 1991, McKinney and his half-brother, Charles Michael Hedlund, brutally beat and shot 40-year-old Christine Mertens in her home, during the commission of a burglary. Mrs. Mertens' son found his mother dead, lying face down on the living room floor. McKinney and Hedlund had ransacked Mrs. Mertens' bedroom and rifled through her purse. On March 23, 1991, McKinney and Hedlund burglarized the home of 65-year-old James McClain and shot him in the head while he was asleep in his bed. McKinney and Hedlund ransacked Mr. McClain's home and stole personal property, including several guns. McKinney was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death for the murders of Mrs. Mertens and Mr. McClain. In addition, McKinney was convicted of two counts of burglary in the first degree, and one count of theft.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven D. Sheldon |
| Prosecutor: | Louis Stalzer |
| Defense Counsel: | Scott Allen and Alex Gonzalez |
| Start of Trial: | October 13, 1992 |
| Verdict: | November 12, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | July 23, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*Hedlund v. Sheldon*, 173 Ariz. 143, 840 P.2d 1008 (1992).
*State v. McKinney*, 185 Ariz. 567, 917 P.2d 1214 (1996).
*State v. Towery, et. al.*, 204 Ariz. 386, 64 P.3d 828 (2003).

# KEVIN A. MILES

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 28, 1968 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 7, 1992, Miles and two 16-year-old companions planned a carjacking and discussed killing someone. At 1:30 p.m. that day, Miles and his two companions waited for a car to stop near the area of 24th Street and Columbus Avenue in Tucson. When the 40-year-old victim approached in her vehicle and stopped, one of the two companions asked her for a Alight@ for a cigarette. As she reached for the lighter, the companion pointed a .45 caliber handgun at her head and forced her to move over. Miles and the two companions took control of the car, kept the gun pointed at her, and drove her to a desert area, where she was shot once in the chest. She died from this gunshot wound, which lacerated her heart and her left lung.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William H. Tinney |
| Prosecutor: | David White and Reagen Kulseth |
| Defense Counsel: | Barbara Sattler |
| Start of Trial: | April 21, 1993 |
| Verdict: | April 30, 1993 |
| Sentencing: | July 6, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction for a crime of violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Miles*, 186 Ariz. 10, 918 P.2d 1028 (1996).
*Miles v. Ryan*, 691 F.3d 1127 (9th Cir. 2012).

# DEBRA JEAN MILKE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 10, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 2, 1989, James Lynn Styers filed a missing child report, advising police that his roommates's son, Christopher Milke (age 4), had disappeared during their visit to Metrocenter mall. Roger Mark Scott was present with Styers. On December 3, 1989, Scott admitted during a police interview that he had accompanied Styers the previous day to a desert wash in the area of 99th Avenue and Jomax Road where Styers shot and killed Christopher Milke. Styers agreed to provide Scott with $250 to file a social security claim. Styers believed he would receive some of Christopher's $5,000 life insurance policy. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Scott led police to the desert area where they found Christopher Milke's body. During a police interview, Debra Jean Milke, Christopher Milke's mother, conceded that she had conspired with Styers to have her son killed. She indicated that it would be better to have her son die than grow up like her husband.

PROCEEDINGS

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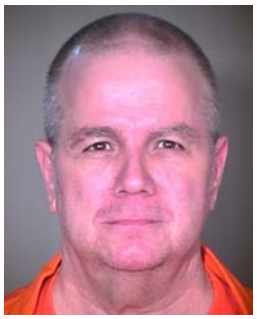
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Cheryl K. Hendrix |
| Prosecutor: | Noel Levy |
| Defense Counsel: | C. Kenneth Ray |
| Start of Trial: | September 12, 1990 |
| Verdict: | October 12, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | January 18, 1991 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (Under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Milke*, 177 Ariz. 118, 865 P.2d 779 (1993).

# MICHAEL J. MURDAUGH



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 9, 1954 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Murdaugh's girlfriend, Rebecca Rohrs, met the victim, David Reynolds, at a bar. Rebecca told Murdaugh about Reynolds. Murdaugh told Rebecca to entice Reynolds to her house. When Reynolds arrived, Murdaugh and his friend, Jesse Dezarn, took Reynolds to a barn at gunpoint. Murdaugh severely beat Reynolds. Murdaugh and his co-defendant, Dezarn, bound and gagged Reynolds and put him inside the trunk of their vehicle, where Murdaugh again beat Reynolds. After beating Reynolds to death, Murdaugh dumped Reynold's body in a remote area. Before leaving, however, he severed Reynold's head and hands, pulled out Reynold's teeth and buried the body parts.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Sherry Hutt |
| Prosecutor: | Mark Barry |
| Defense Counsel: | Jess Lorona |
| Start of Trial: | Guilty Plea |
| Verdict: | Change of PleaCJan 10, 2000 |
| Sentencing: | November 16, 2001 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death (1st degree murder)

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ring et al.*, 204 Ariz. 534, 65 P.3d 915 (2003).

*State v. Murdaugh*, 209 Ariz. 19, 97 P.3d 844 (2004).

# ROBERT W. MURRAY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 20, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 11, 1991, Robert and Roger Murray spent the night in Las Vegas, Nevada, and bought a .12 gauge shotgun. The following day, the Murrays drove to Kingman. During the night of May 14, 1991, they decided to rob someone. While driving through Grasshopper Junction, which is 30 miles north of Kingman on the way to Las Vegas, they stopped at the home of Dean Morrison and Jackie Appelhans. The Murrays entered the home while armed, and had the two victims lie down on the floor side-by-side. They shot each of them at least twice with a .38 revolver, and shot Jackie twice more with a .22 rifle. They then shot each of them once in the head with a shotgun. They then ransacked the house and fled.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James E. Chavez |
| Prosecutor: | James J. Zack |
| Defense Counsel: | Ruth O'Neill |
| Start of Trial: | May 28, 1992 |
| Verdict: | June 12, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | October 26, 1992 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (both victims)
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Murray (Robert)*, 184 Ariz. 9, 906 P.2d 542 (1995).

# ROGER W. MURRAY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 28, 1970 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 11, 1991, Robert and Roger Murray spent the night in Las Vegas, Nevada, and bought a .12 gauge shotgun. The following day, the Murrays drove to Kingman. While driving through Grasshopper Junction, which is 30 miles north of Kingman on the way to Las Vegas, they stopped at the home of Dean Morrison and Jackie Appelhans. The Murrays entered the home while armed, and had the two victims lie down on the floor side-by-side. They shot each of them at least twice with a .38 revolver, and shot Jackie twice more with a .22 rifle. They then shot each of them once in the head with a shotgun. They then ransacked the house and fled.

PROCEEDINGS

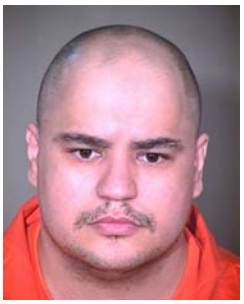
| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James E. Chavez |
| Prosecutor: | James J. Zack |
| Defense Counsel: | Frank Dickey, Jr. and Gerald Gavin |
| Start of Trial: | May 28, 1992 |
| Verdict: | June 12, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | October 26, 1992 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (both victims)
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Murray (Roger)*, 184 Ariz. 9, 906 P.2d 542 (1995).
*State v. Towery, et. al.*, 204 Ariz. 386, 64 P.3d 828 (2003).

# ROBERT A. POYSON



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 15, 1976 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Leta Kagen (30), Leta's 15-year-old son, Robert Delahunt, Roland Wear (50) and Bobby Poyson (20) lived in a remote area of Mohave County. On August 13, 1996, Frank Anderson (48) and Kimberly Lane (15) had been hitchhiking in the area, and Leta agreed to let Anderson and Lane spend the night. Anderson, Poyson, and Lane decided to kill Leta, Robert, and Roland, and steal Roland's truck. Lane enticed Robert into a travel trailer on the property, where Anderson cut Robert's throat nearly from ear to ear with a bread knife. Anderson held the struggling boy down, while Poyson pounded the bread knife through Robert's ear, and out his mouth. Poyson finally ended Robert's struggling by crushing his skull with a rock. Three to four hours later, Anderson and Poyson entered Leta's mobile home, and Poyson killed her by shooting her in the head with a rifle, as Anderson held a lantern for light. Roland awoke, and Poyson shot him in the mouth. Poyson then hit Roland with the rifle stock, and Anderson hit him with the lantern. Roland and Poyson struggled out into the yard, where Poyson bludgeoned Roland to death with a cinder block.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven F. Conn |
| Prosecutor: | Derek Carlisle |
| Defense Counsel: | Billy K. Sipe and Lee Novak |
| Start of Trial: | March 2, 1998 |
| Verdict: | March 9, 1998 |
| Sentencing: | November 20, 1998 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain (all three victims)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Robert and Roland)
- Multiple homicides (all three victims)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Poyson*, 198 Ariz. 70, 7 P.3d 79 (2000).

# DAVID MARTINEZ RAMIREZ

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 7, 1957 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

During the early morning hours of May 25, 1989, David Ramirez, a parolee, murdered Mary Gortarez and her 15-year-old daughter, Candie Gortarez, in their Phoenix apartment. He stabbed Mary 18 times in the neck, in the back, in the stomach, and in the left eye. He stabbed Candie 15 times in the neck area. Neither Mary nor Candie died instantaneously. Neighbors heard sounds of a violent struggle for about half an hour coming from the apartment and when police entered it they found blood smeared and spattered throughout. Ramirez also sexually assaulted Candie Gortarez while she was close to death. Ramirez, the only person alive in the apartment, was arrested at the scene. Ramirez was convicted of both murders.

PROCEEDINGS

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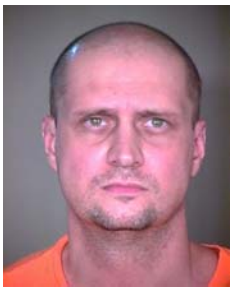
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Thomas W. O'Toole |
| Prosecutor: | Louis Stalzer |
| Defense Counsel: | Mara Siegel |
| Start of Trial: | July 10, 1990 |
| Verdict: | July 27, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | December 18, 1990 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ramirez*, 178 Ariz. 116, 871 P.2d 237 (1994).

# CHARLES REINHARDT



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 8, 1970 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

One of Reinhardt's friends introduced the victim, Michael Ellis, to Reinhardt for the purpose of helping Reinhardt purchase methamphetamine. On September 4, 1995, Reinhardt, a female friend, Ellis, and his male contact person met at Charles Nadeau's apartment to negotiate the deal. Reinhardt gave the male $1,180 cash so he could get the methamphetamine, and Ellis stayed behind as "collateral." After several hours when the drugs did not arrive, Reinhardt and Nadeau threatened Ellis with physical injury and demanded either the money or the drugs. Early the next morning, Nadeau and Reinhardt drove Ellis in a Buick to the Reddington Pass area of Pima County, where they beat him in the face, shot him in the shoulder with a shotgun, and beat his head with heavy rocks, which resulted in blood spatters on their clothes. Reinhardt and Nadeau then drove the Buick to a shopping center, where Nadeau tried to start a fire inside the Buick. When a patrol car drove into the area, Reinhardt and Nadeau fled in a friend's car, which resulted in a high speed chase until the friend's car was wrecked. After officers apprehended the two, they noticed blood on their clothing. In the Buick at the shopping center, officers found a bloody towel, a shotgun, the victim's wallet, and charred newspapers. At Nadeau's apartment, officers saw blood smears near the entry of the apartment and spatters of blood leading out to the parking lot. Nadeau's friends admitted seeing blood near the entrance and on the interior of the apartment, and on the chair where the victim was last seen sitting.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael Alfred |
| Prosecutor: | Teresa Godoy |
| Defense Counsel: | Eric Larsen |
| Start of Trial: | February 13, 1996 |
| Verdict: | February 22, 1996 |
| Sentencing: | May 20, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Reinhardt*, 190 Ariz. 579, 951 P.2d 454 (1997).

# PETE C. ROGOVICH

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 21, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo (3), Asian / Asian American (1) |

On March 15, 1992, Rogovich robbed a Super Stop Food Mart and shot and killed the clerk. He later went to the Palo Verde Trailer Park where he encountered Phyllis Mancuso and shot and killed her. He entered the home of Marie Pendergast, where he shot and killed her. After leaving the Pendergast residence, he shot and killed Rebecca Carreon in the driveway of her home. He fled on foot to a local restaurant, where he took a vehicle from an employee at gunpoint. He then robbed a Circle K store. He was later apprehended after a pursuit by local law enforcement agencies.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. David R. Cole |
| Prosecutor: | Robert Shutts |
| Defense Counsel: | Jeffrey Ross |
| Start of Trial: | May 11, 1994 |
| Verdict: | June 1, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | June 9, 1995 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death (for victims Carreon, Mancuso, and Pendergast)
- Prior conviction for a crime of violence (all four murders)
- Multiple murders (for victims Carreon, Mancuso, and Pendergast)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Rogovich*, 188 Ariz. 38, 932 P.2d 794 (1997).
*Rogovich v. Ryan*, 694 F.3d 1094 (9th Cir. 2012).

# SEAN BERNARD RUNNING EAGLE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 7, 1968 |
| Defendant: | American Indian / Native American |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

At about 6:00 a.m. on December 6, 1987, Running Eagle, Corey Tilden, and Orva Antone were burglarizing the Robert Davis residence in Phoenix. Davis' neighbor, 72-year-old Herbert Williams, came outside and told the men to leave or he would call the police. Running Eagle began to tease and threaten Mr. Williams with a large hunting knife. Mr. Williams' wife, Jacqueline, then came outside and began yelling. Tilden hit Mrs. Williams over the head with a large flashlight. Running Eagle and Tilden then forced their way into the Williams' home, and beat and stabbed them both to death. Mr. Williams was stabbed five times in the chest, arm, pelvis and back. Mrs. Williams was stabbed four times in the chest and abdomen and her throat was cut. Running Eagle and Tilden were tried jointly. Antone pled guilty to second-degree burglary and testified against Running Eagle and Tilden. Running Eagle and Tilden were both convicted of two counts of first-degree murder; Tilden received two life sentences.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Gloria G. Ybarra |
| Prosecutor: | Paul Ahler |
| Defense Counsel: | Baltazar Iniguez |
| Start of Trial: | June 21, 1988 |
| Verdict: | July 27, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | February 3, 1989 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Runningeagle*, 176 Ariz. 59, 859 P.2d 169 (1993).

# ALFONSO RAYMOND SALAZAR

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 25, 1963 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On July 25, 1986, Salazar and Michael Davis pulled the wrought iron bars from a window and entered the Tucson home of Sarah Kaplan. Ms. Kaplan was 83 years old, weighed less than 90 pounds, was 5 feet tall, and wore a patch on one eye. Salazar and Davis beat her and strangled her with the telephone cord. Fingerprints belonging to both men were found at the scene. One of Salazar's prints was in blood. In a separate trial, Davis was convicted and sentenced to death, but was granted a retrial because of ineffective assistance of counsel, and ultimately received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Gilbert Veliz |
| Prosecutors: | Jesse Figueroa and Kathleen Mayer |
| Defense Counsel: | William Redondo and Patrick Hurd |
| Start of Trial: | December 2, 1987 |
| Verdict: | December 14, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | February 9, 1988 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS
*State v. Salazar,* 173 Ariz. 399, 844 P.2d 566 (1992).

# JOHN SANSING

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 11, 1967 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On February 24, 1998, Sansing called a church and requested a charitable food delivery, intending to rob the delivery person so he could purchase cocaine for himself and his wife. Trudy Calabrese delivered the food to the home at a time when Sansing, his wife, and four children were there. Sansing attacked Ms. Calabrese from behind and forced her to the floor. With the aid of his wife, he bound Ms. Calabrese's arms and legs. As Ms. Calabrese struggled and pleaded with Sansing's wife and children to help her, Sansing beat her in the head with a club. Sansing eventually dragged Ms. Calabrese into a bedroom, raped her, and fatally stabbed her. He covered her body with a pile of clothing, then left to trade Ms. Calabrese's jewelry for drugs that he and his wife consumed. Each of the four Sansing children saw Ms. Calabrese's dead body in the home.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald S. Reinstein |
| Prosecutor: | William Culbertson |
| Defense Counsel: | Emmet Ronan |
| Start of Trial: | Guilty Plea, September 18, 1998 |
| Sentencing: | September 30, 1999 |

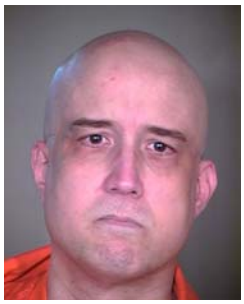
Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Sansing*, 200 Ariz. 347, 26 P.3d 1118 (2001).

# RONALD SCHACKART



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| Date of Birth: | December 2, 1962 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Schackart and Charla Regan had known each other since high school and they continued to be friends at the University of Arizona. On March 8, 1984, Schackart told Regan he needed a place to stay since his parents had kicked him out of their house. He also told her he needed to talk to her about his wife filing rape charges against him. They went to a Tucson Holiday Inn where Schackart raped Charla at gunpoint, hit her in the face with the gun, strangled her to death, and stuffed a large sock into her mouth. He later reported the killing to the police and claimed he had not intended to kill Charla.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael John Brown |
| Prosecutor: | Richard Nichols |
| Defense Counsel | |
| Trial: | Don Klein and Karen Noble |
| Sentencing: | Defendant was Pro Se |
| Start of Trial: | March 12, 1985 |
| Verdict: | March 16, 1985 |
| Sentencing: | May 3, 1985 |
| Resentencing: | December 7, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances

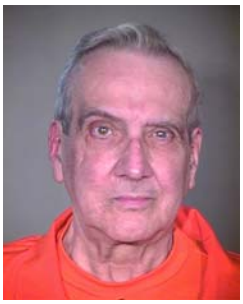
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Schackart*, 175 Ariz. 494, 858 P.2d 639 (1993).

*State v. Schackart*, 190 Ariz. 238, 947 P.2d 315 (1997).

# EDWARD HAROLD SCHAD



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 27, 1942 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On August 1, 1978, Lorimer Graves, a 74-year-old Bisbee resident, left Bisbee in a new Cadillac on a trip to Everett, Washington, to visit his sister. On August 9, 1978, Graves' badly decomposed body was discovered hidden in the brush just off U.S. Highway 89 south of Prescott. Mr. Graves had been strangled with a rope that was still knotted around his neck. A month later, Schad was stopped for speeding in New York. Schad was driving Mr. Graves' Cadillac, and many of Mr. Graves' personal belongings were in the car.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul G. Rosenblatt (first trial) |
| | Hon. Richard Anderson (second trial) |
| Prosecutors: | Steve Jaynes (first trial) |
| | Frank Dawley (second trial) |
| Defense Counsel: | Charles A. Shaw |
| Start of Trial: | September 26, 1979 (first trial) |
| | June 18, 1985 (second trial) |
| Verdict: | October 5, 1979 (first trial) |
| | June 27, 1985 (second trial) |
| Sentencing: | December 27, 1979 (first trial) |
| | August 29, 1985 (second sentencing) |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior conviction involving violence
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Schad*, 129 Ariz. 557, 633 P.2d 366 (1981).
*State v. Schad*, 142 Ariz. 619, 691 P.2d 710 (1984).
*State v. Schad*, 163 Ariz. 411, 788 P.2d 1162 (1989).
*Schad v. Arizona*, 501 U.S. 624, 111 S. Ct. 2491 (1991).
*Schad v. Ryan*, 606 F.3d 1022 (9th Cir. 2010).

# ELDON MICHAEL SCHURZ

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 8, 1963 |
| Defendant: | American Indian / Native American |
| Victim: | American Indian / Native American |

On December 2, 1989, codefendants Eldon Michael Schurz and Patrick Delmar Allison attempted to rob Jonathan Art Bahe of money and liquor at the City Center Motel, located at 600 West Van Buren. Mr. Bahe resisted, so Schurz struck the victim several times about the face and head with his fist. Following the fight, Schurz found a quantity of gasoline and doused the victim with it. Schurz then made a trail of gasoline away from the victim and lit it with a cigarette lighter. This caused the victim to be set ablaze and subsequently die. Schurz and Allison fled the area and were arrested a few hours later. Allison testified against Schurz pursuant to a plea agreement. In addition to the death sentence, the trial court sentenced Schurz to 12 years for an attempted aggravated robbery enhanced by two prior felony convictions.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John H. Seidel |
| Prosecutor: | Noel Levy |
| Defense Counsel: | Edward J. Susee |
| Start of Trial: | June 6, 1990 |
| Verdict: | June 11, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | September 21, 1990 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS
*State v. Schurz*, 176 Ariz. 46, 859 P.2d 156 (1993).

# ROGER MARK SCOTT

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 4, 1948 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 2, 1989, James Lynn Styers filed a missing child report, advising police that his roommates's son, Christopher Milke (age 4), had disappeared during their visit to Metrocenter mall. Roger Mark Scott was present with Styers. On December 3, 1989, Scott admitted during a police interview that he had accompanied Styers the previous day to a desert wash in the area of 99th Avenue and Jomax Road where Styers shot and killed Christopher Milke. Styers agreed to provide Scott with $250 to file a social security claim. Styers believed he would receive some of Christopher's $5,000 life insurance policy. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Scott led police to the desert area where they found Christopher Milke's body. During a police interview, Debra Jean Milke, Christopher Milke's mother, conceded that she had conspired with Styers to have her son killed. She indicated that it would be better to have her son die than grow up like her husband.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. David R. Cole |
| Prosecutor: | Noel Levy |
| Defense Counsel: | Roland Steinle and William Foreman |
| Start of Trial: | January 15, 1991 |
| Verdict: | February 7, 1991 |
| Sentencing: | April 22, 1991 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (Under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Scott*, 177 Ariz. 131, 865 P.2d 792 (1993).
*Scott v. Schriro*, 567 F.3d 573 (9th Cir. 2009).

# ROBERT DOUGLAS SMITH

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 8, 1948 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Sometime between March 11 and March 14, 1980, Smith, Joe Leonard Lambright, and Kathy Foreman picked up Sandra Owen, a young woman with mental problems, who was hitchhiking in the Tucson area. Smith raped Ms. Owen twice, and the group took her to a remote area in the mountains outside Tucson. Lambright and Smith then killed the victim by choking her, stabbing her, and hitting her in the head with a large rock. They concealed her body by covering it with rocks, and the body was not discovered until 1 year later. Lambright and Smith were tried in a joint trial before two separate juries. Ms. Foreman testified against them in exchange for a grant of immunity.

PROCEEDINGS

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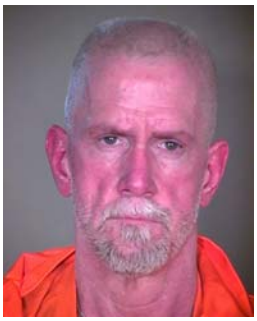
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael J. Brown |
| Prosecutor: | James D. Himelic |
| Defense Counsel: | Thomas G. Hippert |
| Start of Trial: | March 23, 1982 |
| Verdict: | March 30, 1982 |
| Sentencing: | May 27, 1982 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Smith (Robert)*, 138 Ariz. 79, 673 P.2d 17 (1983).
*Smith v. Lewis*, 157 Ariz. 510, 759 P.2d 1314 (1988).
*Lambright v. Stewart*, 167 F.3d 477 (9th Cir. 1999), *withdrawn*.
*Lambright v. Stewart*, 177 F.3d 901 (9th Cir. 1999).
*Lambright v. Stewart*, 220 F.3d 1022 (9th Cir. 1999).
*Smith v. Stewart*, 241 F.3d 1191 (9th Cir. 2001).
*Stewart v. Smith*, 122 S.Ct. 1143, 534 U.S. 157 (2001), *Certiorari granted, Question Certified*
*Stewart v. Smith*, 202 Ariz. 446, 46 P.3d 1067 (2002). *Question Answered*
*Stewart v. Smith*, 536 U.S. 856, 122 S.Ct. 2578 (2002). *Case remanded to Ninth Circuit*

# TODD SMITH



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 23, 1960 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On August 1, 1995, Smith robbed and killed 72-year-old Joe Tannehill and Mr. Tannehill's 73-year-old wife, Elaine, in their trailer at a campsite in Coconino County. Smith bludgeoned them repeatedly with a gun, then slit their throats before leaving with a television set, seven necklaces, and approximately $130. The victims let Smith in their trailer because he had wrapped a shirt around his hand to make it look like he had cut himself.

PROCEEDINGS

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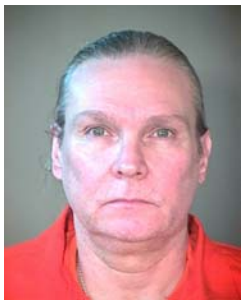
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffrey Coker |
| Prosecutor: | Camille Bibles and Gary LaRance |
| Defense Counsel: | David Goldberg and Kevin O'Brien |
| Start of Trial: | March 31, 1997 |
| Verdict: | April 24, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | September 24, 1997 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Multiple murders
- Age of victims (over 70)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Smith*, 193 Ariz. 452, 974 P.2d 431 (1999).

# ANTHONY M. SPEARS



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 2, 1958 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Jeanette Beaulieu, the victim, was a 38-year-old single woman. She knew Spears, who lived near San Diego, and considered him her Aboyfriend.@ Apparently unbeknownst to Jeanette, Spears was living with a girlfriend named Joann in California. In December 1991, Jeanette took family leave from her employer. On December 31, she purchased a one-way airplane ticket for Spears to come to Phoenix on January 2, 1992. Spears brought with him his 9mm Beretta handgun. After Spears arrived in Phoenix, Jeanette purchased a sleeping bag, withdrew $1,700 from an ATM, and had the title to her truck notarized. She later used a charge card for a cash advance of $500.

On Saturday afternoon, January 4, Spears called Joann and told her that he would be driving back to California. When he arrived, he had with him five guns that had belonged to Jeanette, two sleeping bags, and almost $1,000 in cash, and was driving Jeanette's truck.

On January 19, Jeanette's body was discovered in a desert area, having been shot through the head with a medium- or large-caliber bullet. Near where the body was found, officers found a shiny 9mm shell casing, which was later identified as having been fired from Spears' 9mm Beretta.

PROCEEDINGS

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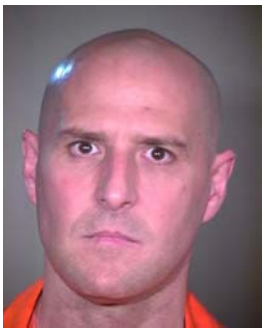
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Cheryl K. Hendrix |
| Prosecutor: | John Ditsworth |
| Defense Counsel: | Roland Steinle and Timothy Ryan |
| Start of Trial: | November 23, 1992 |
| Verdict: | December 9, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | March 31, 1993 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Spears*, 184 Ariz. 277, 908 P.2d 1062 (1996).
*Spears v. Stewart, et. al.*, 267 F.3d 1026 (9th Cir. 2001), *amended and superseded by*
*Spears v. Stewart, et. al.*, 283 F.3d 992 (9th Cir. 2002).

# CHRISTOPHER JOHN SPREITZ



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 10, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On May 19, 1989, the police stopped Christopher John Spreitz after observing that his car was smoking and leaking oil. The officer had observed the same car earlier that night also smoking and leaking oil. The officer noticed Spreitz had blood and fecal matter on his hands, arms, and on the front of his clothing. Spreitz said he had been in a fight. Police checked the location of the alleged fight, and found no indication any fight had taken place. They photographed Spreitz and his car, gave him a traffic citation, and then released him. Three days later, a passing horseback rider discovered the body of Ruby Reid in the desert. The body and surrounding area were covered in blood and fecal material. Recalling the condition of Spreitz's clothing and person when they stopped him, the police again questioned him about the purported fight, Spreitz admitted picking up the victim at a convenience store, but claimed the victim went with him voluntarily to the desert. Spreitz said they struggled in the desert, and admitted striking her several times before raping her. He admitted crushing her skull with a rock because she would not stop screaming, but said he was not sure if she was dead when he left her. The victim's wounds included a broken jaw, five broken ribs, numerous bruises on her arms, legs, and trunk. The fatal wound was a skull fracture, consistent with being struck with a V-shaped rock. Spreitz was convicted of first-degree murder (both premeditation and felony-murder), sexual assault, and kidnapping.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William Sherrill |
| Prosecutor: | Kathleen Mayer |
| Defense Counsel: | Marshall Tandy |
| Start of Trial: | August 9, 1994 |
| Verdict: | August 18, 1994 |
| Sentencing: | December 21, 1994 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Spreitz*, 190 Ariz. 129, 945 P.2d 1260 (1997).
*State v. Spreitz*, 202 Ariz. 1, 39 P.3d 525 (2002).

# MILO STANLEY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 11, 1963 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of June 19, 1986, Stanley and his wife, Susan, were arguing about his drinking problem. He drove Susan, his 5-year-old daughter, Seleste, and his l-year-old son, Chad, to a remote area outside Cottonwood. Stanley and Susan continued to argue as they sat in the car. Stanley ended the argument by shooting Susan three times in the head. He then shot Seleste once in the top of the head, pressing the muzzle of the gun into the skin. Stanley did not shoot Chad because the boy was too young to tell what he had seen. After dumping Susan's and Seleste's bodies off the side of the road, Stanley went home and put Chad to bed. Several hours later, he called the police and told them that Susan and Seleste were missing. The police began a wide-ranging search that ended late the following day when Stanley confessed. Stanley received the death penalty for the murder of Seleste, and a life sentence for the murder of Susan.

PROCEEDINGS

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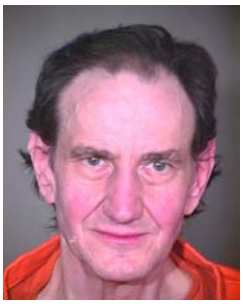
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James Sult |
| Prosecutor: | Charles Hastings |
| Defense Counsel: | Ken Freedman |
| Start of Trial: | June 24, 1987 |
| Verdict: | July 10, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | September 25, 1987 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Stanley*, 167 Ariz. 519, 809 P.2d 944 (1991).
*Stanley v. Schriro*, 598 F.3d 612 (9th Cir. 2010).

# JAMES LYNN STYERS



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| Date of Birth: | September 3, 1947 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 2, 1989, James Lynn Styers filed a missing child report, advising police that his roommates's son, Christopher Milke (age 4), had disappeared during their visit to Metrocenter mall. Roger Mark Scott was present with Styers. On December 3, 1989, Scott admitted during a police interview that he had accompanied Styers the previous day to a desert wash in the area of 99th Avenue and Jomax Road where Styers shot and killed Christopher Milke. Styers agreed to provide Scott with $250 to file a social security claim. Styers believed he would receive some of Christopher's $5,000 life insurance policy. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Scott led police to the desert area where they found Christopher Milke's body. During a police interview, Debra Jean Milke, Christopher Milke's mother, conceded that she had conspired with Styers to have her son killed. She indicated that it would be better to have her son die than grow up like her husband.

PROCEEDINGS

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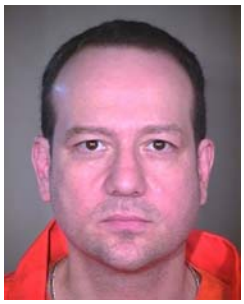
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Peter T. D'Angelo |
| Prosecutor: | Noel Levy |
| Defense Counsel: | Jesse Miranda |
| Start of Trial: | October 15, 1990 |
| Verdict: | November 2, 1990 |
| Sentencing: | December 14, 1990 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (Under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Styers*, 177 Ariz. 104, 865 P.2d 765 (1993).
*Styers v. Schriro*, 547 F.3d 1026 (9th Cir. 2009).
*State v. Styers*, 227 Ariz. 186, 254 P.3d 1132 (2011).

# ROBERT L. WALDEN, Jr.



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 15, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On June 13, 1991, the victim's husband returned home and found the victim's body in their bedroom. The victim's shoes, pants, and underwear had been removed. A lamp cord was still tied around her neck, and her throat had been cut. The room showed signs of a struggle and an autopsy revealed numerous abrasions and bruises on the victim's body. The autopsy also revealed sperm in the victim's vagina and on her thigh. Walden's fingerprints matched those found at the victim's residence, and those found during the investigation of two other sexual assaults. Both surviving sexual assault victims positively identified Walden as their attacker, as did a witness who observed Walden outside the victim's apartment.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James Carruth |
| Prosecutor: | Rick Unklesbay and Sandra Hansen |
| Defense Counsel: | Donald Klein and Lori Lefferts |
| Start of Trial: | July 9, 1992 |
| Verdict: | July 31, 1992 |
| Sentencing: | December 9, 1992 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior conviction for a crime of violence
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Walden*, 183 Ariz. 595, 905 P.2d 974 (1995).

# THEODORE WASHINGTON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 7, 1960 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victim: | Black / African American |

Fred Robinson and Susan Hill lived together for a number of years. Beginning in 1984, Susan made several efforts to leave Robinson, but he always forced her to return. In February 1987, Susan left Robinson for a week to visit her father, Ralph Hill, and stepmother, Sterleen Hill, in Yuma. After this visit, Susan went to California to live with other relatives and did not tell Robinson. On June 8, 1987, Robinson decided to go to Yuma and bring Susan back. Robinson persuaded his friends, Theodore Washington and Jimmy Mathers, to go with him. The men loaded Robinson's car with weapons and drove to Yuma. Washington was wearing a red bandanna. At about 11:45 p.m., two men entered the Hills' home, forced Mr. and Mrs. Hill to lie on their bedroom floor, and tied them up. A black man wearing a red bandanna held a gun to Mr. Hill's head, then ransacked the drawers and closet while the second man stood over the Hills. One of the men shot the Hills with a 12-gauge shotgun. Mrs. Hill died from her wounds but Mr. Hill survived. Washington, Robinson, and Mathers were tried jointly and each received the death penalty. On appeal the state supreme court reversed Mathers' conviction, finding insufficient evidence to support the jury verdict.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Stewart Bradshaw |
| Prosecutor: | William V. Gallo |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert Clarke |
| Start of Trial: | December 1, 1987 |
| Verdict: | December 15, 1987 |
| Sentencing: | January 13, 1988 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Washington*, 165 Ariz. 51, 796 P.2d 853 (1990).

# MICHAEL R. WHITE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 10, 1951 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Michael White and Susan Minter were lovers. Minter was also having a relationship with David Johnson, a miner from Bagdad. Minter and White decided to kill Johnson to collect on his life insurance policy, so in November of 1987, Minter married Johnson. She then had herself and her children named beneficiaries on the policy. On December 12, 1987, White waited outside Johnson's home for Johnson to return from work. Using a potato as a silencer, White shot Johnson with a .357 Magnum in the face and the back. Minter, who was inside the home, locked the doors and refused to let Johnson in as he called for help. Johnson died later that night. Minter was tried separately, convicted of first-degree murder, and she received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James Hancock |
| Prosecutor: | Jill Lynch (trial) |
| | David Mackey (resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Chester R. Lockwood, Jr. (trial) |
| | J. Douglas McVay (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | June 29, 1988 |
| Verdict: | July 14, 1988 |
| Sentencing: | August 8, 1988 |
| Resentencing: | December 9, 1996 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. White*, 168 Ariz. 500, 815 P.2d 869 (1991).
*State v. White*, 194 Ariz. 344, 982 P.2d 819 (1999).

# RONALD TURNEY WILLIAMS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 4, 1943 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the morning of March 12, 1981, Williams kicked in the front door of a home in Scottsdale and began to burglarize it. While Williams was inside, a neighbor, John Bunchek, came to the home to investigate. Williams shot Bunchek in the chest, killing him. Williams left Arizona that same day without telling his roommates. Three months later, FBI agents arrested Williams in New York City. A gun taken from Williams at his arrest had fired the bullet that killed Mr. Bunchek. Williams had previously twice been convicted for murder.

PROCEEDINGS

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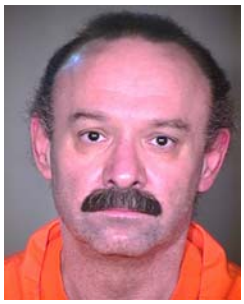
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Joseph D. Howe |
| Prosecutor: | Lawrence Turoff |
| Defense Counsel: | Richard Mesh and Robert Briney (trial - advisory counsel) |
| | Robert Briney (sentencing - advisory counsel) |
| Start of Trial: | November 28, 1983 |
| Verdict: | February 10, 1984 |
| Sentencing: | April 23, 1984 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Williams (Ronald)*, 166 Ariz. 132, 800 P.2d 1240 (1987).
*State v. Williams (Ronald)*, 441 F.3d 1030 (9th Cir. 2006).

# JOSEPH R. WOOD III



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 6, 1958 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Wood and his 29-year-old ex-girlfriend, Debbie Dietz, had been involved in a turbulent relationship for 5 years, which had been marred by numerous breakups and several domestic violent incidents. Debbie was working at a local body shop owned by her family. On August 7, 1989, Wood walked into the shop and shot Gene Dietz, age 55, in the chest with a .38 caliber revolver, killing him. Gene Dietz's 70-year-old brother was present and tried to stop Wood, but Wood pushed him away and proceeded into another section of the body shop. Wood went up to Debbie, placed her in some type of hold, and shot her once in the abdomen and once in the chest, killing her. Wood then fled the building. Two police officers approached Wood and ordered him to drop his weapon. After Wood placed the weapon on the ground, he reached down and picked it up, and pointed it at the officers. The officers fired, striking Wood several times. Wood was transported to a local hospital where he underwent extensive surgery.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. G. Thomas Meehan |
| Prosecutor: | Thomas Zawada |
| Defense Counsel: | Lamar Couser |
| Start of Trial: | February 19, 1991 |
| Verdict: | February 25, 1991 |
| Sentencing: | July 2, 1991 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Grave risk of death to others
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Wood*, 180 Ariz. 53, 881 P.2d 1158 (1994).
*Wood v. Ryan*, 693 F.3d 1104 (9th Cir. 2012).

# INMATES SENTENCED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2002

# FRANK WINFIELD ANDERSON

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 4, 1948 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Leta Kagen, Leta's 15-year-old son, Robert Delahunt, Roland Wear, and Bobby Poyson lived in a remote area of Mohave County. On August 13, 1996, Frank Anderson and his 15 year-old girlfriend, Kimberly Lane had been hitchhiking in the area, and Leta agreed to let Anderson and Lane spend the night. Anderson, Poyson, and Lane decided to kill Leta, Robert, and Roland, and steal Roland's truck and other property. Lane enticed Robert into a travel trailer on the property, with the promise of sexual intercourse; Anderson cut Robert's throat nearly from ear to ear with a bread knife. Anderson then held Robert down and assisted Poyson in driving the bread knife through Robert's ear, and out his mouth. Poyson finally ended Robert's struggling by crushing his skull with a rock. Three to four hours later, after eating dinner, Anderson and Poyson entered Leta's mobile home where Poyson, assisted by Anderson, killed Leta by shooting her in the head with a rifle. Roland awoke, and Poyson shot him in the mouth. Poyson then hit Roland with the rifle stock, and Anderson hit him with a lantern. Roland and Poyson struggled out into the yard, where Anderson gave Poyson a cinder block that Poyson used to bludgeon Roland to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James E. Chavez |
| Prosecutor: | James J. Zack |
| Defense Counsel: | Thomas L. Kehm & Douglas D. Sutherland |
| Start of Trial: | October 1, 2001 |
| Verdict: | October 9, 2001 |
| Sentencing: | November 26, 2002 / December 6, 2002 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain (All three victims)
- Multiple homicides (All three victims)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Robert and Roland)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Anderson*, 197 Ariz. 314, 4 P.3d 369 (2000).
*State v. Anderson*, 210 Ariz. 327, 111 P.3d 369 (2005) (affirmed convictions and sentences in part).
*State v. Anderson*, 211 Ariz. 59, 116 P.3d 1219 (2005) (supplemental).

# WENDI ELIZABETH ANDRIANO

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 26, 1970 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Wendi Andriano's husband became seriously ill and had to cease working. Allegedly resentful of her responsibilities, Wendi Andriano began frequenting bars and engaging in extramarital affairs. As her discontent increased, she hatched a scheme to kill her husband and profit from his death. She asked her friends if they would pose as her husband so that she could obtain a life insurance policy. She researched the effects of various poisons and how to obtain them discreetly. Andriano ordered poison and had it sent to a separate business.

Although Andriano claimed that she was physically and psychologically abused by her husband, none of her friends ever observed any signs of abuse.

Andriano began slipping sodium azide capsules to her husband. In the early morning hours of October 8, 2000, Andriano called 911 to report that her husband was having a heart attack, but when paramedics arrived, she turned them away. Several hours later, she again called 911 to report that she had stabbed and beaten him in self-defense. When paramedics arrived, they found Joe Andriano dead from repeated beatings and a stab wound to the neck. Weak from the poisoning and chemotherapy, he was unable to defend himself against Andriano, who struck him at least 20 times with a barstool before stabbing him in the neck.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Brian K. Ishikawa |
| Prosecutor: | Juan Martinez |
| Defense Counsel: | Daniel Patterson & David Delozier |
| Start of Trial: | August 23, 2004 |
| Verdict: | November 18, 2004 |
| Sentencing: | December 22, 2004 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Andriano*, 215 Ariz. 497, 161 P.3d 540 (2007).

# SHAD DANIEL ARMSTRONG

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 14, 1973 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Armstrong and two accomplices planned the murder of Armstrong's sister and brother-in-law. They prepared by, among other things, hanging sheets on the walls in Armstrong's trailer to absorb blood spatter, and digging a pit in which to bury the bodies. Armstrong shot the victims to death with a shotgun. After removing jewelry from the bodies and rifling through the pockets of the victims' clothes, Armstrong and David Doogan transported the corpses to the pit and buried them. Armstrong then disposed of blood-spattered furniture and spent the night of the murders at the victims' home. When he left, he took some of their furniture to replace the discarded items. Armstrong and Doogan returned to the victims' apartment to steal their truck and remove valuables, including the victims' two dogs. Armstrong fled Arizona when police began investigating the victims' disappearance. Doogan confessed and implicated Armstrong, who was arrested in Oklahoma.

PROCEEDINGS

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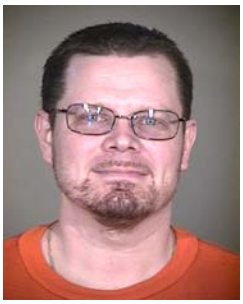
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Howard Hantman |
| | Hon. Christopher C. Browning (re-sentencing) |
| Prosecutors: | Susan Eazer |
| | Rick Unklesbay, Suzan Eazer, & Nicol Green (re-sentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Harley Kurlander, David Basham |
| | Daniel Cooper & Julie Duvall (re-sentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | January 6, 2000 |
| Verdict: | March 10, 2000 |
| Sentencing: | December 7, 2000 |
| Re-sentencing | November 16, 2006 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain (Farah Armstrong)
- Multiple homicides (both victims)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ring et al.*, 204 Ariz. 534, 65 P.3d 915 (2003).
*State v. Armstrong*, 208 Ariz. 345, 93 P.3d 1061 (2004).
*State v. Armstrong*, 208 Ariz. 360, 93 P.3d 1076 (2004) (*Ring*).
*State v. Armstrong*, 218 Ariz. 451, 189 P.3d 378 (2008).

# PATRICK WADE BEARUP



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 2, 1977 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of February 26, 2002, Bearup, Sean Gaines, Jessica Nelson, and Jeremy Johnson beat and shot Mark Mathes, 41. Nelson was living at the Mathes residence when she realized she was missing about $600 and suspected Mathes had stolen it from her. Nelson informed Gaines of her suspicions about Mathes and Gaines instructed her to call him when Mathes returned home. When Mathes returned home, Nelson invited him to have a beer with her and hang out in the back patio. At this point she called Gaines and told him Mathes was home. Shortly after, Gaines, along with Bearup and Johnson arrived at the Mathes residence armed with a baseball bat and a shotgun. They beat Mathes "unmercifully," put him in the trunk of their car and drove to the Crown King area north of Phoenix. Mathes' finger was cut off, he was shot twice and thrown off a cliff. Johnson and Nelson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and kidnapping charges.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Warren J. Granville |
| Prosecutor: | Paul Ahler |
| Defense Counsel: | G. David Delozier Jr. |
| Start of Trial: | November 6, 2006 |
| Verdict: | January 29, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | February 5, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Bearup*, 221 Ariz. 123, 211 P.3d 684 (2009).

# TRENT CHRISTOPHER BENSON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 7, 1971 |
| Defendant: | Asian |
| Victims: | |

Trent Christopher Benson was sentenced to death for a crime spree which began in November of 2004 and continued until he was taken into custody in May of 2008. Investigators received a tip from a Mesa woman which led them to Benson. He was put under surveillance and police were able to surreptitiously collect a cigarette butt he threw on the ground outside at his workplace. The DNA on the cigarette butt matched the DNA found on four victims; two of which were sexually assaulted and murdered, and the other two were kidnapped and sexually assaulted. The investigation ultimately led to Benson's convictions of the kidnap, sexual assault, and murder of Alisa Beck in November of 2004 and Karen Campbell in October of 2007. In addition, he was convicted of the kidnapping and sexual assault of the two other victims which survived.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Susan M. Brnovich |
| Prosecutors: | Robert J. Shutts & Kirsten Valenzuela |
| Defense Counsel: | Tim Agan & Lynn B. Burns |
| Start of Trial: | July 18, 2011 |
| Verdict: | September 12, 2011 |
| Sentencing: | October 7, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# STEVE ALAN BOGGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 1, 1978 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

Christopher Hargrave and Steven Boggs formed a white supremacist organization called the Imperial Royal Guard. Hargrave met and began dating Gayle Driver, the daughter of the owners of a pawnshop. In April, 2002, Hargrave began working at a Jack-In-The-Box in the Mesa/Chandler area. On May 15, Hargrave was fired from the Jack-In-The-Box for stealing. Hargrave had been living in a trailer on the Driver's property, and he was asked to leave when he was fired from his job.

On May 19, 2002, Hargrave and Boggs went to rob the Jack-In-The-Box restaurant. Hargrave dressed in his work uniform and gained entrance to the restaurant under the guise that he had been called back to work. Once inside, Hargrave distracted two employees while Boggs went through the back door. Hargrave and Boggs then took the three employees into the cooler and shot them several times in the back. After stealing money from the registers and from each victim, Hargrave and Boggs left the store and went to a nearby bank to withdraw money using one of the victim's stolen credit cards. One of the victims managed to crawl to a nearby phone and call police, as well as alert a customer, who also phoned the police.

Two days after the murder, Boggs traded the murder weapon for another gun at the Driver's pawn shop. The Drivers contacted the police, and Boggs was subsequently arrested when police confirmed the gun was the murder weapon from the restaurant.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John Foreman |
| Prosecutor: | Robert Shutts & Ted Duffy |
| Defense Counsel: | Herman Alcantar & Nathaniel Carr |
| Start of Trial: | April 11, 2005 |
| Verdict: | May 3, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | May 12, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Multiple homicides
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Boggs*, 218 Ariz. 325, 185 P.3d 111 (2008).

# ERIC D. BOYSTON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 12, 1980 |
| Defendant: | Black / African-American |
| Victims: | (3) Black / African American |

Boyston was sentenced to death for the murders of his grandmother, Mary Boyston; his uncle, Alex Boyston; and family friend, Timothy Wright. He was also convicted of the attempted murders of his girlfriend, Alexandria Kelly, and his great-aunt, Shirley Jones. On February 2, 2004 Alexandria and Boyston were running errands when Boyston received a call in which an argument ensued. Boyston demanded that Alexandria drive him to the location where the person he just argued with was at. After Alexandria refused to do so, Boyston shot at her and missed. She got out of the car and ran and Boyston shot her 3 times, which ultimately led to her being paralyzed. Boyston then went to his grandmother Mary's house and shot and killed her and his uncle Alex. The apartment across the Mary's belonged Boyston's great-aunt, Shirley Jones. Shirley looked out her window and saw Boyston outside Mary's apartment and she asked him what he was doing. Boyston attacked her, shooting her in the back. Boyston then returned back to his grandmother's apartment, where he fatally stabbed family friend, Timothy Wright. Police arrested Boyston about 10 hours later at another apartment complex.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Joseph C. Welty |
| Prosecutor: | Robert Shutts & Vince Imbordino |
| Defense Counsel: | Lawrence Blieden & Joel Brown |
| Start of Trial: | November 5, 2009 |
| Verdict: | December 16, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | February 2, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Multiple homicides
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# JOHNATHAN IAN BURNS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 6, 1981 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Johnathan Burns was sentenced to death for the brutal murder of Jackie Hartman. Sometime in late 2006, Jackie met Burns at a Diamond Shamrock gas station in the east valley. On January 28, 2007 Jackie agreed to go on a date with Burns and her sister dropped her off at the same gas station. When her sister returned later that evening to pick her up, Jackie never showed. Her disappearance let to nearly three-week search involving law enforcement, members of her family, and local volunteers. Burns was arrested the day after, when police found Jackie's blood-stained and torn clothing in a dumpster near his home in Mesa. Jackie's body was found on February 19, 2007. She had been shot twice in the head; Burns' semen was found on her body and clothing. An autopsy revealed traces of a date-rape drug in Jackie's system. A jury convicted Burns of 1st Degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault, and misconduct involving weapons and subsequently sentenced him to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Karren L. O'Connor |
| Prosecutors: | Vince Imbordino & Kristin Sherman |
| Defense Counsel: | Joseph Stazzone & Wesley Peterson |
| Start of Trial: | October 25, 2010 |
| Verdict: | December 16, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | February 28, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# ALBERT MARTINEZ CARREON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 08, 1962 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On January 23, 2001, Carreon entered the residence shared by Armando Hernandez and Christina Aragon and shot both victims numerous times. Hernandez received gunshot wounds to his head, left leg and thigh. Aragon was found conscious with gunshot wounds to her abdomen and back, right shoulder and neck and lacerations to her forehead and the back of her head. Aragon was flown to Scottsdale Memorial Hospital and recovered from her wounds. At the time of this shooting Aragon's two small sons were sleeping in the apartment.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James Keppel |
| Prosecutor: | Patricia Stevens & Robert Shutts |
| Defense Counsel: | Joel Brown, Lynn Burns & Charles K. (Chad) Shell |
| Start of Trial: | April 15, 2003 |
| Verdict: | April 29, 2003 |
| Sentencing: | May 1, 2003 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior Conviction for a Serious Offense
- Grave risk of death to other persons
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed crime while on release from DOC

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Carreon*, 210 Ariz. 54, 107 P.3d 900 (2005) (convictions and death sentence affirmed).
*State v. Carreon*, 211 Ariz. 32, 116 P.3d 1192 (2005) (non-capital sentences affirmed).

# DEREK DON CHAPPELL

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 23, 1982 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Derek Chappell was dating Kristal Shackleford who had a young son, Devon, from a previous relationship. Chappell felt that he was always in competition with Devon for Kristal's attention and affection. In December of 2003, Chappell was baby-sitting Devon and became so frustrated that he choked him, cutting off his air supply, and causing sever bruising. Child Protective Services investigated this incident and Chappell was ordered to have no further contact with Devon. Despite orders and CPS's involvement, Kristal and Chappell continued their relationship. In the early morning hours of March 11, 2004, Kristal called the police to report that Devon was missing from her apartment. Shortly after police arrived on the scene, they found 2 2 year old Devon floating in the apartment complex pool. The investigation proved that Chappell took Devon from the apartment in the middle of the night, carried him to the pool, and drowned him to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert L. Gottsfield |
| Prosecutors: | Frankie Grimsman, Patricia Stevens, & Charles Vogel |
| Defense Counsel: | Lawrence Matthew, Lynn Burns, & Garrett Simpson |
| Start of Trial: | June 19, 2007 |
| Verdict: | August 28, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | November 14, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Chappell*, 225 Ariz. 229, 236 P.3d 1176 (2010).

# BENJAMIN BERNAL COTA

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 3, 1961 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victims: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |

Benjamin Bernal Cota was sentenced to death for the murders of Guadalupe Zavala and her husband Victor Martinez. In November of 2003, the Glendale couple hired Cota do some repairs on their home. The couple was last seen alive on December 30, and on January 6, 2004, police found the bodies of both Martinez and Zavala wrapped in plastic hidden in the bedroom closet. The investigation proved Cota beat Martinez to death with a baseball bat or hammer. Cota then waited for Zavala to come home from work and bound her hands and feet; he struck her in the head and face repeatedly with a meat cleaver or machete. Cota stayed in the residence for the following week, forged checks from the couple's accounts, and even took title to one of their vehicles. Police arrested Cota after a high-speed pursuit during which he crashed one of the couple's vehicles.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael D. Jones |
| Prosecutors: | Robert J. Shutts & Kirsten Valenzuela |
| Defense Counsel: | Joey N. Hamby & Pamela Nicholson |
| Start of Trial: | April 2, 2009 |
| Verdict: | July 15, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | August 14, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Committed offense while on release from DOC
- Age of victim (over 70 - Martinez)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Cota*, 229 Ariz. 136, 272 P.3d 1027 (2012).

# ROBERT LOUIS CROMWELL

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 11, 1966 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

At approximately 4:00 a.m. on October 8, 2001 Phoenix Police received a frantic 911 call from a woman whose daughter had been abducted by an assailant who had beaten her. The caller (later identified as Ella "Michelle" Speaks) told the dispatcher that the assailant had entered her home, beaten her, and run off with her daughter.

During the ensuing investigation police determined that Speaks had spent the evening with Robert Cromwell, then left her 3 children alone with Cromwell when she left to pick up another friend, Kim Jensen. Upon returning to her home, Speaks and Jensen were met at the door by Cromwell who struck Jensen with a pool cue as she stepped into the doorway. Speaks attempted to stop Cromwell but he turned on her and beat her until the pool stick broke. Cromwell fled. Speaks, who was shaken up over the incident, took off in her vehicle after Cromwell as she believed Cromwell had abducted her 11-year old daughter, Stephanie. While driving to Cromwell's residence Speaks called 911 to report the incident. The police made contact with Michelle Speaks in her vehicle and returned with her to her residence.

Upon searching the residence they found Stephanie in the master bedroom, unclothed and severely injured. Stephanie had 13 stab wounds to her back, a fractured skull, a broken jaw, and she appeared to have been sexually assaulted. Stephanie was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Mark F. Aceto |
| Prosecutor: | William W. Clayton & Mark Barry |
| Defense Counsel: | James P. Logan & Bruce Buck |
| Start of Trial: | January 28, 2003 |
| Verdict: | February 19, 2003 |
| Sentencing: | March 6, 2003 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Cromwell*, 211 Ariz. 181, 119 P.3d 448 (2005).

# LEROY D. CROPPER

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 20, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On March 7, 1997, Cropper murdered Arizona Department of Corrections officer Brent W. Lumley, stabbing him in the throat. The murder took place at the Arizona Department of Corrections Perryville/San Juan Unit, where Cropper was an inmate. Cropper committed the murder in response to being "locked down" after Officer Lumley found a knife and other contraband in his cell.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. David R. Cole (Hon. Joseph B. Heilman - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutors: | Robert Shutts (Robert Shutts & Barbara A, Marshall - Resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Roland Steinle (Richard K. Miller & John R. Curry - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | May 6, 1999 (Plea) |
| Verdict: | May 6, 1999 (Plea) |
| Sentencing: | November 3, 1999 |
| Resentencing | May 2, 2008 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Previous conviction for a serious offense
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
Committed murder while in custody

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Cropper*, 206 Ariz. 153, 76 P.3d 424 (2003).
*State v. Cropper*, 223 Ariz. 522, 225 P.3d 579 (2010).

# JOHN MONTENEGRO CRUZ

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 13, 1970 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Latino |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On May 26, 2003, Cruz murdered Officer Patrick Hardesty, an on-duty law enforcement officer with the Tucson Police Department.

Officer Hardesty had responded to a traffic collision in which Cruz's vehicle struck another vehicle. Cruz fled the scene and Officer Hardesty and other officers located him inside a nearby apartment. Cruz told the Officers that his name was Frank White and led the Officers to a vehicle parked outside the apartment complex to get identification.

Instead of producing his identification, Cruz escaped, sneaking through a hole in a fence right next to the apartments. Officer Hardesty began chasing Cruz on foot while another officer ran back to his police car and drove in the direction that Officer Hardesty was chasing Cruz. Cruz shot and killed Officer Hardesty before the other officers arrived. Cruz fired four shots, including shots to the head and abdomen, from point-blank range.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ted B. Borek |
| Prosecutor: | Rick Unklesbay & Thomas Weaver, Jr. |
| Defense Counsel: | Brick Storts & David Basham |
| Start of Trial: | January 19, 2005 |
| Verdict: | February 25, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | March 10, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Murder of a peace officer in the line of duty

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Cruz*, 218 Ariz. 149, 181 P.3d 196 (2008).

# BRIAN J. DANN

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 28, 1962 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo, Mexican American / Hispanic |

Dann and Shelly Parks had been in a relationship for two years and were living together. On Saturday, April 2, 1999, at Shelley's brother's apartment, Shelley and Dann argued about Shelley's desire to end their relationship.

In the early morning hours of April 3, 1999, Dann called 911 claiming to have discovered the victims, Andrew Parks, Shelley Parks and Eddie Payan, shot to death in Andrew's apartment. A subsequent investigation revealed that Dann had shot the victims earlier that night.

Dann made statements before and after the murders implicating himself. Prior to the crime, Dann stated he was going to shoot Andrew in retaliation for Andrew allegedly having taken a shot at him. Immediately following the murders, Dann called a former girlfriend and told her he had just shot three people.

The evidence indicated that Dann forced his way into the apartment, where he shot and killed Andrew. He then shot Shelley in the head at close range. As Eddie attempted to flee the apartment, Dann shot him once, then shot him a second time in the head at close range.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffrey Coker |
| | Hon. Boyd Johnson (re-sentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Kenneth Peasley |
| | Timothy Linnins & Savita Kasturi (re-sentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | James Logan & Susan Sherwin |
| | Pro Per - (re-sentencing) |
| | Advisory Counsel - John Schaus & James Soslowsky |
| Start of Trial: | September 20, 2001 |
| Verdict: | October 1, 2001 |
| Sentencing: | January 24, 2002 |
| Re-sentencing | May 9, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Multiple Murders

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Dann*, 206 Ariz. 371, 79 P.3d 58 (2003).
*State v. Dann*, 205 Ariz. 557, 74 P.3d 231 (2003).
*State v. Dann*, 220 Ariz. 351, 207 P.3d 604 (2009).

# DONALD DAVID DELAHANTY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 20, 1986 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican-American / Hispanic |

On May 10, 2005, Officer David UribeBa 22-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Force, conducted a license plate check on a vehicle while driving on I-17. The result of the check indicated the vehicle was stolen. He pulled the vehicle over near the intersection of Cactus Road and 31st Avenue. Delahanty was in the passenger seat; Christopher Wilson was the driver, and a third man was sitting in the back seat. According to testimony presented at trial, Wilson handed his gun to Delahanty in an effort to conceal it from Officer Uribe. Officer Uribe then came to the driver's window and asked Wilson to turn the car off and also for his driver's license. Delahanty instantly lunged over Wilson and shot Officer Uribe three times, striking him in the head, face, and neck. Wilson sped away and the three men abandoned the vehicle a few blocks down the road. Delahanty and Wilson were arrested two days later. Wilson plead guilty to second-degree murder and testified against Delahanty at trial.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Warren J. Grannville |
| Prosecutors: | Michael Gingold & George Gialketsis |
| Defense Counsel: | Stephen L. Duncan & Randall J. Craig |
| Start of Trial: | March 25, 2009 |
| Verdict: | May 5, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | May 27, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Prior conviction of a serious offense

Murder of a peace officer in the line of duty

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Delahanty*, 226 Ariz. 502, 250 P.3d 1131 (2011).

# CLARENCE WAYNE DIXON

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 26, 1955 |
| Defendant: | American Indian / Native American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On January 7, 1978, 21-year-old Arizona State University student Deana Bowdoin was found raped, strangled, and stabbed to death at her Tempe apartment. The killer was never found and the murder became a cold-case for many years. Tempe Detective Tom Magazzeni opened up this case about 20 years later and with the technological advancement of DNA profiling, was able to identify a suspect. Clarence Wayne Dixon was serving a life sentence in an Arizona prison for a 1986 sexual assault conviction. Dixon's DNA was identified and connected him to the crime scene and he was indicted for the murder in 2002. A jury found Dixon guilty nearly 30 years after he committed the murder and sentenced him to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Andrew G. Klein |
| Prosecutors: | Juan Martinez & Tad Davis |
| Defense Counsel: | Pro Per |
| | Advisory Counsel - Nathaniel Carr & Kenneth Countryman |
| Start of Trial: | November 13, 2007 |
| Verdict: | January 15, 2008 |
| Sentencing: | January 24, 2008 |

Aggravating Circumstances

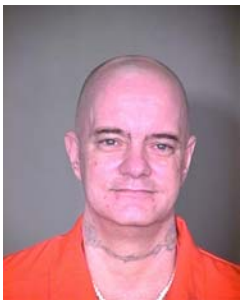
Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death

Especially cruel, heinous, or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Dixon*, 226 Ariz. 545, 250 P.3d 1174 (2011).

# CHARLES DAVID ELLISON



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 3, 1965 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On February 24, 1999, Charles Ellison and Richard Finch broke into the home of Joseph and Lillian Boucher. Ellison and Finch bound the Bouchers with telephone cords and masking tape. Ellison suffocated Joseph Boucher to death with a pillow. While Ellison struggled with Joseph Boucher, Richard Finch choked Lillian Boucher to death with his hands.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert R. Moon |
| Prosecutor: | Matthew J. Smith |
| Defense Counsel: | Vincent A. Iannone & Eric J. Engan |
| Start of Trial: | January 14, 2002 |
| Verdict: | January 18, 2002 |
| Sentencing: | February 17, 2004 |

Aggravating Circumstances (applicable to both murder victims)

- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while on release from DOC
- Multiple homicides
- Age of Victim (over 70)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Ellison*, 213 Ariz.116, 140 P.3d 899 (2006).

# JOHN VINCENT FITZGERALD

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 11, 1965 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On the evening of April 15, 2005 John Fitzgerald was picked up at a Budget Suites Motel by his mother's fiancé, James Totten. Fitzgerald had traveled to Arizona from Hawaii, where he was residing at the time. Weeks before, Fitzgerald had called and told James that he wanted to give his mother a surprise visit and requested a ride to her house, which James agreed to. When they arrived at the house and walked to the front door, James noticed what appeared to be a samurai sword in Fitzgerald's hands; James had not seen the sword during the drive to the house. When Margaret came to the door Fitzgerald immediately began striking her several times with the sword. As she fell to the floor, Fitzgerald somehow lost control of the sword, pulled out his gun, and fatally shot his mother, Margaret Larkin, twice in the head and walked out the front door. Police were called immediately after and Fitzgerald was arrested without incident while walking on a street a few blocks away from the scene.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Sally S. Duncan |
| Prosecutors: | Jeannette Gallagher & Eric Basta |
| Defense Counsel: | Herman Alcantar Jr., Taylor Fox, & Zach Murphy |
| Start of Trial: | November 3, 2009 |
| Verdict: | January 12, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | August 23, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# SHAWNA FORDE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 6, 1967 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |

Shawna Forde, the leader of an anti illegal-immigrant group, was sentenced to death for her role in the murders and home invasion of the Flores family who lived in Arivaca, a desert community about ten miles north of Mexico. In the early hours of May 30, 2009, Forde, along with Jason Bush and Albert Gaxiola, went to the Flores residence to steal money and drugs. They banged on the door, claiming they were law enforcement. When they gained entry into the residence, Junior Flores asked why the group did not have identification; Bush immediately shot Junior. Gina, Junior's wife, jumped up, and Bush shot her twice; she fell to the floor but remained alive. 9-year-old Brisenia pleaded for her life, asking why they shot her parents. Bush then shot Bresenia twice. Thinking everyone in the house was dead, they headed to their car. Gina immediately called 911. As she was on the phone, Forde came back in and saw Gina on the phone and yelled for Bush and Gaxiola to come back in the house to kill Gina. Although she was shot, Gina was able to get to the kitchen and grab a gun. Gina started shooting and ultimately shot Bush. Forde, Bush, and Gaxiola left the scene shortly thereafter. When police arrived, they found Junior and Brisenia shot to death. Police arrested Forde, Bush, and Gaxiola the following month. Gina survived and testified at trial. Bush was also sentenced to death; Gaxiola received a life sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John S. Leonardo |
| Prosecutors: | Rick Unklesbay & Kellie Johnson |
| Defense Counsel: | Eric A. Larsen & Jill E. Thorpe |
| Start of Trial: | January 18, 2011 |
| Verdict: | February 14, 2011 |
| Sentencing: | February 22, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Pecuniary Gain
- Multiple homicides
- Age of victim (Brisenia)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# MIKE PETER GALLARDO

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | August 8, 1956 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victim: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |

Mike Peter Gallardo was sentenced to death for the 2005 murder of 20-year-old college student Rudy Padilla. On the early afternoon of December 9, 2005, Gallardo called the Padilla residence but no one answered the phone. Gallardo assumed there was no one at the residence and broke the arcadia door with a lawn chair. At some point shortly after entering the residence, Rudy confronted Gallardo and a struggle ensued. Rudy's father came home from work around 3pm and found Rudy shot to death and with electrical cords bound on his feet, hands, and neck. Phone records proved the phone call to the Padilla residence on that day came from Gallardo's cell phone. Gallardo's DNA was found on blood on the lawn chair used to break the arcadia door and also on a cigarette butt found near the side gate of the residence. He was convicted of first-degree murder and first-degree burglary and kidnaping.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Sally S. Duncan |
| Prosecutor: | Juan Martinez |
| Defense Counsel: | Richard K. Miller & Thomas Fortner |
| Start of Trial: | April 29, 2009 |
| Verdict: | June 10, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | June 30, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

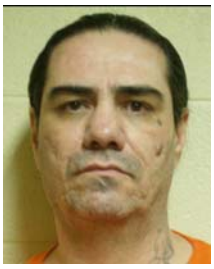
Prior conviction for a serious offense

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gallardo*, 225 Ariz. 560, 242 P.3d 159 (2010).

# ALFREDO LUCERO GARCIA



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 8, 1962 |
| Defendant: | Mexican-American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On May 21, 2002, bar owner Steve Johnson withdrew alarge amount cash from the bank to re-fill the ATM at Harley's Club 155, one of the bars he owned. When Steve arrived at the bar, he spoke briefly to the bartender and then proceeded to head to the ATM to re-fill it with cash. As Steve was re-filling the ATM, Garcia and co-defendant James Sheffield, armed with a gun, entered the bar through the back door and ordered Steve to drop the cash. Steve did as he was told, and yelled to both Garcia and Sheffield to get out of the bar. Steve also told his bartender to "get out of here" as a scuffle among Steve and both defendants was occurring. The bartender then heard two shots and the defendants fled the scene, dropping a trail of 20 dollar bills in their path. Garcia and Sheffield attempted to force a lady out of her car but were unsuccessful; they ended up getting on a city bus. Garcia was subsequently arrested on June 1, 2002. Sheffield plead guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to natural life; he died in prison shortly after sentencing.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John R. Ditsworth |
| Prosecutors: | Cleve Lynch & Burt Jorgensen |
| Defense Counsel: | Herman Alcantar & Rodrick Carter |
| Start of Trial: | September 25, 2007 |
| Verdict: | November 13, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | December 19, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Garcia*, 224 Ariz. 1, 226 P.3d 370 (2010).

# RUBEN GARZA

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | March 26, 1980 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | White / Anglo, White / Anglo |

Ellen Franco separated from her husband, Larry Franco, and moved into the home of Jennifer Farley and Lance Rush. Ruben Garza who is Larry Franco's nephew, went to the Farley/Rush residence on the night of December 1, 1999, ostensibly to convince Ellen to reconcile with Larry. However, after Garza entered the Farley/Rush home, he drew a handgun and shot Ellen Franco twice. Jennifer and Lance attempted to escape the same fate by locking themselves in a bedroom, where Jennifer hid in a closet. Garza broke through the bedroom door and began struggling with Lance. Garza shot Lance three times and sustained a gunshot wound to his own arm. Jennifer called 9-1-1 after Garza fled. Despite the efforts of paramedics and emergency surgeons, both Ellen and Lance died from their gunshot wounds. Police arrested Garza the following day.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Gregory H. Martin |
| Prosecutor: | Mark Barry & George Gialketsis |
| Defense Counsel: | James Cleary & Christopher Dupont |
| Start of Trial: | May 27, 2004 |
| Verdict: | August 26, 2004 |
| Sentencing: | September 20, 2004 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Garza*, 216 Ariz. 56, 163 P.3d 1006 (2007).

# FABIO EVELIO GOMEZ

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 12, 1968 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On December 2, 1999, Chandler Police received a report of a man beating a woman. The beating appeared to be taking place in an apartment at the caller's apartment complex. Officers responded but were unable to make contact with anyone at the location. Later the same day, police received a missing person's report of a Joan Morane, who resided at the same complex.

During the investigation, police determined that Fabio Gomez lived in a nearby apartment and was acquainted with Joan Morane. At approximately 4:00 a.m. officers contacted Gomez outside his apartment carrying a deflated air mattress. Gomez told the officers he and his girlfriend were moving and that he was putting some of their belongings into their car. When questioned about packing at that unusual hour, Gomez stated he had to watch their son during the day time. At approximately 5:30 a.m. officers observed what appeared to be blood on the edge of the air mattress and a red stain in a nearby trash dumpster. When officers re-contacted Gomez at his apartment, they observed what appeared to be blood stains on the carpet. During the search of the apartment, investigators found more blood stains in the living and dining room areas. The hallway and bathroom vanity area also had numerous blood stains on the floor, walls, and door. Police also found a metal dumbbell weight with red stains consistent with blood. Police later found Joan Morane's body in a trash dumpster near her front door.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Daniel Baker (Hon. Roland J. Steinle - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Patricia Stevens (also Resentencing) & Robert Shutts |
| Defense Counsel: | Peter Rosales & Gerald Gavin<br>(Herman Alcantar & Christopher Flores - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | March 2, 2001 |
| Verdict: | March 22, 2001 |
| Sentencing: | June 5, 2003 |
| Resentencing: | October 15, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel, or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Gomez*, 211 Ariz. 494, 123 P.3d 1131 (2005).

*State v. Gomez*, --- Ariz. ---, --- P.3d --- (2012).

# TRACY ALLEN HAMPTON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 2, 1970 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 16, 2001, an Arizona Department of Public Safety officer attempted to serve a traffic citation on Tracy Hampton at his residence in Phoenix. The officer spoke to Charles Findley, who told the officer he was not Hampton and showed the officer Hampton's picture. The officer instructed Findley to contact him when Hampton returned. The following morning Hampton, who lived with Findley, Findley's mother, and Findley's girlfriend, Tanya Ramsdell, accused Findley of snitching him out to the police and left the residence. Hampton returned later the same morning and fatally shot Findley "execution style" while Findley knelt on the floor. Before leaving the residence, Hampton stated, "I have one more," and forced his way into Tanya and Charles' room, where Tanya, who was five months pregnant, was sleeping. He shot Tanya in the head, killing her.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. John Foreman |
| Prosecutor: | Noel Levy |
| Defense Counsel: | James Logan & Maria Schaffer |
| Start of Trial: | April 29, 2002 |
| Verdict: | May 2, 2002 |
| Sentencing: | January 24, 2003 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Multiple homicides
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Ramsdell only)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hampton*, 213 Ariz. 167, 140 P.3d 950 (2006).

# RODNEY EUGENE HARDY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 8, 1962 |
| Defendant: | Black / African-American |
| Victims: | (2) Lien - White / Anglo; Stanciel - Black / African-American |

Rodney Hardy was sentenced to death for the 2005 murders of Tiffany Lien and Don Stanciel. Hardy and Lien lived together for more than 2 years during their relationship. Rodney was the owner of a limousine service and a regular at the strip club where Lien worked. According to police records, Hardy physically abused Lien on August 26, 2005. Lien decided to leave and party with a stripper girlfriend and Stanciel. Hardy called Lien several times asking her to come back home, and on one of those calls Stanciel took the phone from Lien and told Hardy she was with him now. In the early hours of August 28, Hardy drove to the apartment complex where Lien's friend lived and when the friend came out to buy something at the vending machine, Hardy grabbed her and forced her to take him to her apartment. Hardy kicked in the bedroom door and found Lien and Stanciel sleeping and shot them both to death. Two days later, Hardy turned himself in to Tempe Police.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael W. Kemp |
| Prosecutor: | Jason Kalish |
| Defense Counsel: | Victoria E. Washington & Kirk Nurmi |
| Start of Trial: | June 22, 2009 |
| Verdict: | July 16, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | August 20, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Multiple homicides
- Prior conviction of a serious offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hardy*, 230 Ariz. 281, 283 P.3d 12 (2012).

# CHRISTOPHER ALLEN HARGRAVE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 1, 1978 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican American / Hispanic (2), American Indian / Native American |

Christopher Hargrave and Steven Boggs formed a white supremacist organization called the Imperial Royal Guard. Hargrave met and began dating Gayle Driver, the daughter of the owners of a pawnshop. In April, 2002, Hargrave began working at a Jack-In-The-Box in the Mesa/Chandler area. On May 15, Hargrave was fired from the Jack-In-The-Box for stealing. Hargrave had been living in a trailer on the Driver's property, and he was asked to leave when he was fired from his job.

On May 19, 2002, Hargrave and Boggs went to rob the Jack-In-The-Box restaurant. Hargrave dressed in his work uniform and gained entrance to the restaurant under the guise that he had been called back to work. Once inside, Hargrave distracted two employees while Boggs went through the back door. Hargrave and Boggs then took the three employees into the cooler and shot them several times in the back. After stealing money from the registers and from each victim, Hargrave and Boggs left the store and went to a nearby bank to withdraw money using one of the victim's stolen credit cards. One of the victims managed to crawl to a nearby phone and call police, as well as alert a customer, who also phoned the police.

Two days after the murder, Boggs traded the murder weapon for another gun at the Driver's pawn shop. The Drivers contacted the police, and Boggs was subsequently arrested when police confirmed the gun was the murder weapon from the restaurant.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Roland Steinle III |
| Prosecutor: | Vince Imbordino |
| Defense Counsel: | Gerald Gavin, Jason Leonard & Rena Glitsos |
| Start of Trial: | January 17, 2006 |
| Verdict: | February 9, 2006 |
| Sentencing: | February 21, 2006 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Multiple homicides
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hargrave*, 225 Ariz 1, 234 P.3d 569 (2010).

# JAMES HARROD

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 27, 1953 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On April 1, 1988, Jeanne Tovrea was shot five times in the head in her Paradise Valley home. Police collected fingerprints at the kitchen window (point of entry) and inside the house. The investigation stalled until January 1994, when Harrod's brother-in-law watched an Unsolved Mysteries TV program about the killing and identified the voice of suspect AGordon Phillips@ as that of Harrod. Several months later, a second tip led police to Harrod's former wife, who told them Harrod had told her he was paid $100,000 to kill Jeanne because Jeanne's stepson, Hap Tovrea, wanted her dead so he could inherit from his late father's estate. Harrod was flush with unexplained cash after the murder. Harrod's fingerprints matched 18 fingerprints taken at the scene. Police discovered a money trail, phone records, and a bogus business deal linking Harrod with Hap Tovrea.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Ronald S. Reinstein |
| | Hon. Brian R. Hauser (resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Paul Ahler (trial, sentencing and resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Tonya J. McMath and Michael B. Bernays |
| | Lawrence Matthew & Lynn B Burns (resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | October 15, 1997 |
| Verdict: | November 18, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | May 27, 1998 |
| Re-sentencing: | October 26, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Harrod*, 200 Ariz. 309, 26 P.3d 492 (2001).
*State v. Harrod*, 204 Ariz. 567, 65 P.3d 948 (2003).
*State v. Harrod*, 218 Ariz. 268, 183 P.3d 519 (2008).

# DALE SHAWN HASUNER

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 4, 1973 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | (4) Mexican-American / Hispanic, (1) Black / African-American<br>(1) White / Anglo |

Dale Hausner, known in Arizona as the "Serial Shooter" received 6 death sentences from a crime spree that included convictions for 6 murders. Hausner murdered David Estrada, Nathaniel Shoffner, Jose Ortis, Marco Carillo, Claudia Gutierrez-Cruz, and Robin Blasnek. In total, Hausner was convicted of 80 crimes which included murder, attempted murder, aggravated assault, drive-by shooting, firearms charges, cruelty to animals, and arson. Hausner terrorized the valley for about 14 months; he committed the murders and other crimes in a time span that included 2005-2006. Co-defendant Samuel Dieteman plead guilty to two murders, testified against Hausner at trial, and was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Roland J. Steinle |
| Prosecutors: | Vince Imbordino & Laura Reckart |
| Defense Counsel: | Ken Everett & Tim Agan |
| Start of Trial: | February 11, 2008 |
| Verdict: | March 13, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | March 27, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances
<u>Victims: Estrada & Shoffner</u>
Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death sentence
Prior conviction of a serious offense

<u>Victims: Ortis, Carillo, Gutierrez-Cruz, and Blasnek</u>
Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death sentence
Prior conviction of a serious offense
Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
Offense committed in a cold, calculated manner without pretense of moral or legal justification

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Hausner*, 230 Ariz. 60, 280 P.3d 604 (2012).

# ROBERT HERNANDEZ

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 4, 1976 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victims: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |

Robert Hernandez was sentenced to death for the murders of Jeni Sanchez-Rivera, Omar Guzman Diaz, and Pablo Guzman Diaz. In addition, he was convicted of the attempted-murder of Maria Diaz-Payan. On April 15, 2008, the four victims drove to Jeni's residence to drop off Pablo's suitcase who was visiting from Mexico. Omar and Pablo went in the house while Maria and Jeni waited in the car because they were going to leave right away to go pick up Jeni's son from school. Hernandez, who had an accomplice with him inside, came out of the residence, forced Maria and Jeni into the house at gunpoint, and tied them both up in Jeni's son's bedroom. Maria and Jeni could hear Omar and Pablo from another room crying and asking Hernandez not to hurt them. Maria heard what she believed to be electrical shocks and both Omar and Pablo screaming; Maria then heard gunshots. When Maria, who had also been shot, realized she was still alive, called out for Jeni but heard no answer. Maria then ran out the front door to a neighbor's house who called police. When police arrived, they found the dead bodies of Pablo, Omar, and Jeni. Hernandez subsequently fled to Texas where he was eventually arrested on May 12, 2008.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Sally S. Duncan |
| Prosecutor: | Kristen Hoffmeyer |
| Defense Counsel: | Rodrick S. Carter & Stephen M. Johnson |
| Start of Trial: | October 18, 2010 |
| Verdict: | November 29, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | December 14, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while on release from DOC
- Multiple Homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# RUBEN MYRAN JOHNSON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 26, 1979 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

Stephanie Smith witnessed an armed robbery committed by Ruben Johnson and Jarvis Ross. Ross was apprehended but Johnson evaded capture. While Ross was incarcerated pending disposition of the armed robbery charge, Johnson contacted Phyllis Hansen, a friend and a chief justice court clerk. Johnson learned through Hansen that Ross was to be arraigned on November 15, 2000, and that Stephanie Smith was to testify against Ross. Johnson contacted Cheryl Newberry to post another bond. When Newberry refused, Johnson forced her to show him where Stephanie Smith lived. Johnson went to Smith's house in the early morning hours of November 15 with Quindell Carter. Stephanie Smith had two friends B Leonard Justice and Mike Solo B at her house, along with her three young children. Mike Solo heard a noise outside, and went to investigate. In the back yard, Solo was confronted by Johnson and Carter, who told him they were not there for him. Solo left, and Carter and Johnson entered the residence. Smith, upon seeing the two men, ran into the bedroom of her youngest child. Ruben Johnson followed and shot Stephanie Smith in the face while she was holding her child. Smith died from the gunshot wound.

Police immediately arrested Quindell Carter at the Smith residence, while Ruben Johnson again managed to evade capture. For several days afterward, Johnson bragged to many friends about the murder. He was subsequently apprehended and convicted for the armed robbery and the murder of Stephanie Smith.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. James E. Padish |
| Prosecutor: | Patricia Stevens |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert Storrs & Rick Tosto |
| Start of Trial: | October 30, 2001 |
| Verdict: | November 28, 2001 |
| Sentencing: | December 22, 2003 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction for a serious offense (armed robbery)
- Zone of danger
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Johnson*, 212 Ariz. 425, 133 P.3d 735 (2006).

# RONNIE LOVELLE JOSEPH

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 4, 1956 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victim: | Black / African American |

On April 1, 2004, Joseph went to the apartment of his girlfriend Darlene Brown. Jerry Roundtree was Darlene's roommate; also living at the apartment was Darlene's Sister's son, Tommar Brown. Joseph had his own set of keys to the apartment and would come and go on a usual basis. On this particular day, Joesph's keys did not fit the lock, and he somehow still gained access into the apartment. Joseph entered the master bedroom where Darlene was. Joseph and Darlene engaged in a violent argument and fight; he subsequently shot her twice. Jerry kicked the door in and Joseph shot him in the hand, causing him to collapse. Joseph then began firing shots in the bathroom where Tommar was. Jerry attempted to leave the apartment but Joseph shot him in the chest before he reached the front door. Joseph then returned to Darlene's bedroom and shot her two more times. Jerry and Darlene survived their injuries, Tommar died at the scene from a gunshot to the chest.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Arthur T. Anderson |
| Prosecutor: | Kristen Hoffmeyer |
| Defense Counsel: | James Cleary & Michele Lawson |
| Start of Trial: | February 18, 2010 |
| Verdict: | March 3, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | April 12, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Age of victim

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Joseph*, 230 Ariz. 296, 283 P.3d 27 (2012).

# ALVIE COPELAND KILES

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 21, 1961 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | Black / African American |

Kiles lived in Yuma with his girlfriend, Valerie Gunnell, and her two daughters, 9-month-old Lecresha and 5-year-old Shemaeah. On February 9, 1989, Kiles used a bumper jack to bludgeon Valerie to death in their home. He then killed the two children because they started "screaming and hollering" as he killed their mother. Kiles bragged about the murders to an acquaintance and took him on a tour of the murder scene, during which Kiles stepped on Valerie's head. Lecresha's body was later found floating in a canal in Mexico, but Shemaeah's body was never found.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Douglas W. Keddi |
| | Hon. Kirby Kongable (resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Phillip Hall & Thomas Varela |
| | Dave Powell (retrial and resentencing) and Desi Rubalcaba (retrial) |
| Defense Counsel: | Treasure Van Druemmel & Greg Clark (retrial and resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | December 5, 1989 |
| | July 8, 2000 (retrial) |
| Verdict: | December 15, 1989 |
| | July 20, 2000 (retrial) |
| Sentencing: | March 28, 1990 |
| | June 13, 2006 (resentencing) |

Aggravating Circumstances (applicable to both murder victims)

- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides
- Age of Victim (over 70)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Kiles*, 175 Ariz. 358, 857 P.2d 1212 (1993).
*State v. Kiles*, 222 Ariz. 25, 213 P.3d 174 (2009).

# RYAN WESLEY KUHS

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | My 30, 1984 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Mexican-American / Hispanic |

On November 20, 2005, Kuhs got into a verbal altercation with Larry Herrera who was visiting his brother Ricky at his apartment. The altercation ended before it got physical. Later that day, Kuhs went back to the apartment where he and Larry got into a shouting match; he was armed with a butterfly knife. The door was unlocked and Larry's brother Ricky was home alone sleeping in his bed. Kuhs went into the apartment and stabbed Ricky 21 times including twice in the skullBwhich penetrated into his brain. Neighbors found Ricky in a pool of blood as he fought for his life. He died later that day during emergency surgery. Police arrested Kuhs later that afternoon.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul J. McMurdie |
| Prosecutor: | Jeannette Gallagher & Eric Basta |
| Defense Counsel: | Nathaniel Carr & Leo Valverde |
| Start of Trial: | August 7, 2007 |
| Verdict: | August 29, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | September 21, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while on release from DOC
- Committed offense while on probation for a felony offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Kuhs*, 223 Ariz. 376, 224 P.3d 192 (2010).

# SCOTT LEHR

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 6, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo (2), Mexican American / Hispanic (1) |

Between February of 1991, and February of 1992, Defendant lured 10 different female victims, between the ages of 10 and 48 years old, into his car. He then drove them to secluded desert areas where he forced them to engage in various sex acts. He released a few of the victims without further injury, but he choked others into unconsciousness and/or beat them about the head with heavy rocks and abandoned them in the desert naked. Three of his victims died as a result of their head wounds.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Steven Gerst (Hon. Andrew G. Klein - Re-Trial) |
| Prosecutor: | William Clayton (William Clayton & Paul Kittredge - Re-Trial) |
| Defense Counsel: | Philip Seplow (James P. Cleary & Mark D. Tallan - Re-Trial) |
| Start of Trial: | September 10, 1996 (January 6, 2009 - Re-Trial) |
| Verdict: | November 25, 1996 (March 30, 2009 - Re-Trial) |
| Sentencing: | August 8, 1997 (April 15, 2009 - Re-Trial) |

Aggravating Circumstances

Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death

Prior conviction for a crime of violence

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lehr*, 201 Ariz. 509, 38 P.3d 1172 (2002).

*State v. Lehr*, 205 Ariz. 107, 67 P.3d 703 (2003).

*State v. Lehr*, 227 Ariz. 140, 254 P.3d 379 (2011).

# SHAWN PATRICK LYNCH

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 18, 1961 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On March 24, 2001, Shawn Patrick Lynch and Michael Sehwani met the victim, James Stanley Panzarella, at a local bar. When the bar closed, Lynch and Sehwani went back to Panzarella's residence, a guest house behind his parent's home. In the early morning hours of March 25, 2001, someone from the residence called an adult entertainment business for a dancer. Sehwani wrote the dancer several checks from Panzarella's banking account. After the dancer left, Lynch tied the shirtless victim to a chair with a telephone cord. After rendering him helpless and unable to resist, Lynch slashed Panzarella's throat with a knife, nearly severing his head from his shoulders.

Lynch and Sehwani subsequently made purchases using the victim's credit cards, and checked into several motels to watch numerous adult movies. Law enforcement tracked Lynch and Sehwani to one of the motels, where both were taken into custody.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. David M. Talamante (Hon. Karen M. O'Connor - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Juan M. Martinez |
| Defense Counsel: | Joel T. Brown, Robert D. Stein, & Anna M. Unterberger (Lawrence H. Blieden & Joel T. Brown - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | October 31, 2005 |
| Verdict: | December 1, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | May 23, 2006 |
| Resentencing: | August 16, 2012 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Lynch*, 225 Ariz. 27, 234 P.3d 595 (2010).
[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# JAHMARI ALI MANUEL

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 3, 1971 |
| Defendant: | Black / African-American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On March 31, 2004 Manuel shot and killed Phoenix pawn shop owner Darrell Willeford during a robbery that was caught on video surveillance. Manuel opened fire and shot Willeford immediately as he came into the pawn shop. Willeford fell to the ground and Manuel continued to shoot him. Manuel, who also goes by the name Warren Carl Manuel fled to North Carolina and he was arrested there in December of 2004. He was convicted of first-degree murder, burglary, armed robbery and misconduct with weapons.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Susan M. Brnovich |
| Prosecutors: | Ted J. Duff & David V. Rodriguez |
| Defense Counsel: | Alan I. Tavassoli & Daniel B. Patterson |
| Start of Trial: | July 1, 2009 |
| Verdict: | August 6, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | September 23, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary Gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Manuel*, 229 Ariz. 1, 270 P.3d 828 (2011).

# CODY JAMES MARTINEZ

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | December 2, 1981 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

On June 12, 2003, Cody Martinez was at a friend's house when another friend, Jonathan Summey-Montano, arrived with the victim. Once inside, Martinez and Summey-Montano decided to rob the victim. After joking with the victim, Martinez punched him in the face, then kicked and punched him for several minutes. Martinez and Summey-Montano eventually took the victim to the kitchen, where he was forced to lay on his stomach while they and another friend kicked him repeatedly.

Eventually, Martinez directed two other friends to pull a car around the back of the house. While the car was being moved, Martinez returned to the kitchen with a shotgun, then bludgeoned the victim's head with the weapon.

Martinez and Summey-Montano then bound the victim's hands with wire and his feet with duct tape. After the victim was bound, they removed his shoes and socks and robbed him of his money and jewelry. They placed him into the trunk of the car, and proceeded to the victim's apartment.

At the victim's home, Martinez and Summey-Montano stole computer equipment, liquor, jewelry, drugs and music CD's. They returned to the vehicle, which then would not start. They pushed the car to a nearby gas station, attempted to fix it, and eventually called a friend for a ride. Once the friend arrived, they got both cars to a residential street, loaded the victim into the cargo space of the new vehicle and drove to a remote area near the Tucson airport.

At the desert area, Summey-Montano dragged the victim out of the vehicle. They instructed him to stand up, then beat him to the ground and continued punching and kicking for several minutes. After beating him, Martinez shot him twice with a shotgun. Martinez covered the victim with trash and lit the body on fire. A police officer noticed the smoke and subsequently pulled over the vehicle leaving the scene. Martinez and the others were arrested shortly thereafter.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Howard Fell |
| Prosecutor: | Teresa Godoy & Kellie Johnson |
| Defense Counsel: | Richard Parrish & Chris Kimminau |
| Start of Trial: | November 1, 2005 |
| Verdict: | November 9, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | November 18, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Pecuniary gain

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Martinez*, 218 Ariz. 421, 189 P.3d 348 (2008).

# GILBERT MARTINEZ

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 27, 1963 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On March 31, 2006 Gilbert Martinez and Robert Arbolida broke into the residence of Betty and Laurel Liedtke. At the time of the burglary, the Liedtke's had visitors staying at their houseBBetty's two daughters, Colleen Jark and Karen Bell. Additionally, both of Betty's daughters' spouses, Vern Jark and Forrest Bell, came along for the visit.

When Martinez and Arbolida gained entrance in to the residence, they made their way to Laurel and Betty's room and subsequently encountered the elderly couple. Laurel tried to get them to leave by pushing them and telling them to get out. A struggle between Laurel and Martinez ensued and Martinez pushed Laurel down and hit him in the head with a gun. The intruders then forced the Liedtke's into the room where Karen and her spouse Forrest were staying. Martinez continued to struggle and fight with Laurel and also hit Forrest near his eye with the gun. As Arbolida held everyone in the room captive, Martinez went to find any others in the house.

Collen and Vern, who were in the other guest room, had awaken to the loud sounds of the scuffling. As it was imminently clear that Vern and Colleen would likely be attacked next, Vern told Collen to hide in the closet and attempt to call for help. Vern went out to the hallway where he encountered Martinez. They fought, and Martinez fatally shot him. The intruders were both arrested days later. Martinez was sentenced to death for the murder. Arbolida testified against Martinez and received a life sentence. Prior to the capital trial, Martinez was also tried and convicted of several other burglaries which resulted in a 99 year sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Rosa Mroz |
| Prosecutors: | Jeannette Gallagher & Ellen |
| Defense Counsel: | Richard Gierloff, Marci Krater, & Michael Terribile |
| Start of Trial: | August 31, 2009 |
| Verdict: | November 3, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | April 29, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Martinez*, 230 Ariz. 208, 282 P.3d 409 (2012).

# FRANK DALE McCRAY

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 30, 1959 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 21, 1987, the victim, Chestene Cummins, was at home preparing to leave on a trip to California with her boyfriend. She had taken the day off work to run errands and pack. McCray somehow gained access to her apartment, most likely while in the neighborhood committing burglaries. When the victim's boyfriend arrived home from work, he found her body laying in the bedroom. She had been sexually assaulted, beaten and strangled to death. The physical evidence demonstrated that the victim had put up a significant struggle during the assault. Law enforcement officers were unable to solve the crime at the time, but they preserved in evidence a sexual assault swab test kit and the cord used to strangle the victim.

In 2000, a Phoenix Police Department cold case detective submitted the evidence for DNA analysis at the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab. The DPS lab technicians were able to identify McCray from semen through a CODIS hit. McCray's DNA profile had been entered into the CODIS database from a previous conviction for sexual assault on another young woman subsequent to the murder. McCray's DNA was also confirmed on the cord used to strangle the victim.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Douglas L. Rayes |
| Prosecutor: | Vince Imbordino |
| Defense Counsel: | Bruce Peterson & Timothy Agan |
| Start of Trial: | October 17, 2005 |
| Verdict: | November 14, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | November 29, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

Prior conviction for a serious offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. McCray*, 218 Ariz. 252, 183 P.3d 503 (2008).

# LEROY DEAN McGILL

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 22, 1963 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On July 13, 2002, Leroy Dean McGill walked into an apartment in north Phoenix carrying a cup full of gasoline. McGill doused Charles Perez and Nova Banta with the gasoline and lit them on fire. Perez subsequently died from his burns. Banta was so severely burned that treating physicians had to put her in a medically-induced coma in order to save her life.

McGill, a twice convicted felon (armed robberies), committed these crimes because the victims had accused him of stealing a shotgun. McGill had been staying with the owner of the gun. As a result of the accusation, the gun owner threw McGill out of his home, causing McGill to become homeless.

After starting the fire, McGill asked an acquaintance if he could smell burning flesh. He also bragged that he had mixed the gasoline with Styrofoam to form a gel so that it would stick to the victims and burn hotter.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Frank T. Galati |
| Prosecutor: | Catherine M. Hughes |
| Defense Counsel: | Maria L. Schaffer & Elizabeth Todd |
| Start of Trial: | October 6, 2004 |
| Verdict: | November 10, 2004 |
| Sentencing: | November 10, 2004 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Zone of danger
- Prior conviction for a serious offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. McGill*, 213 Ariz. 147, 140 P.3d 930 (2006).

# EFREN MEDINA

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | January 10, 1975 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On September 30, 1993, 71-year-old Carle Hodge was found dead lying face down in the road next to his car. Police received information that Mr. Hodge had been assaulted and knocked to the pavement and then run over by a vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The Hodge's distinctive turquoise watch was later found wedged in the wheel well of Medina's vehicle. Medina's fingerprints were found on the Hodge's car. The investigation revealed Hodge was beaten to the ground and kicked by Medina and was subsequently run over by co-defendant Ernest Aro.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Brian R. Houser (Hon. Christopher Whitten - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Alex Poulos (Kirsten Valenzuela - Resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Timothy J. Agan (Daniel B.Patterson & Alan I. Tavassoli - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | February 27, 1995 |
| Verdict: | March 16, 1995 |
| Sentencing: | May 17, 1995 |
| Resentencing: | January 12, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Committed crime while on release from DOC
- Age of the victim (over 70)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Medina*, 193 Ariz. 504, 975 P.2d 94 (1999).
[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# JULIUS JARREAU MOORE

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 18, 1981 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | Black / African American (1), Mexican American / Hispanic (3) |

Debra Ford went to the Phoenix apartment of Sergio Mata, Delia Ramos, and Guadalupe Ramos to purchase and smoke crack in the late evening hours of November 15, 1999. In the early hours of the 16th, Moore came to the apartment looking for Debra. When Debra came out to see Moore, they talked for a bit and smoked some crack. Shortly after, Sergio came out of the apartment; Moore got in his face and asked him "do you have a problem with me?" Sergio did not respond, and Moore shot him in the head, killing him, and then turned to Debra and shot her in the neck. Debra remained alive and conscious while praying for her life. She heard several additional shots fired while she was on the ground. When police arrived and went into the apartment, they found Guadalupe on the couch and Delia inside the bedroom closet. Both were shot to death. Debra survived and testified against Moore during trial.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judges: | Hon. Jeffrey S. Cates & Hon. Norman D. Hall |
| Prosecutor: | William Clayton |
| Defense Counsel: | John Canby & Dennis Jones |
| Start of Trial: | April 23, 2007 |
| Verdict: | May 31, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | June 6, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (Delia Ramos)

Multiple homicides (All Victims)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Moore*, 222 Ariz. 1, 213 P.3d 150 (2009).

# CORY DEONN MORRIS

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 10, 1978 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | Black / African American, American Indian / Native American, White / Anglo |

In September, 2002, Morris lured his first victim back to his trailer with the inducement of money for sexual services. The victim had recently been released from prison and was taking medication for an addiction to heroin. While engaging in sex, Morris wrapped a tie around the victim's throat and strangled her to death. Morris kept the body for some time, using it for sexual gratification. Eventually he put the body in an alley near his trailer.

In October, 2002, Morris lured a second victim back to his trailer with money for sexual services. Morris similarly strangled the victim and used her body for sexual gratification.

In February, 2003, Morris talked a third victim into coming back with him to his trailer for sex. Once inside, Morris strangled her and had sex with the body.

Some time in March, 2003, Morris came across a woman with severe mental impairments. Morris lured her back to his camper, and sexually assaulted and strangled her to death. After her death, he kept the body for a significant length of time and repeatedly raped her.

Morris killed his final victim in April, 2003. Under the pretense of sex, Morris sexually assaulted her and strangled her with a tie. Morris kept the body, and repeatedly sexually gratified himself with it. A relative noticed a putrid smell coming from Morris' trailer and discovered the decomposing body. The relative contacted the police, who arrested Morris.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Douglas L. Rayes |
| Prosecutor: | Juan M. Martinez |
| Defense Counsel: | James P. Logan & Randall Craig |
| Start of Trial: | June 13, 2005 |
| Verdict: | July 11, 2005 |
| Sentencing: | July 19, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved (all victims)
Prior conviction for a serious offense (all victims)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Morris*, 215 Ariz. 324, 160 P.3d 203 (2007)

# BRAD LEE NELSON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 25, 1970 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

In June of 2006, Nelson agreed to stay with his sister's teenage kids, 14-year-old Amber Graff and 13-year-old Wade Graff while their mother was in the hospital being treated for Crohn's disease. Nelson checked into the Silver Queen Motel in Mohave County on June 6, 2006. On the early morning hours of June 9th, Nelson got up and walked to a nearby McDonald's to get breakfast sandwiches and coffee. Wade woke up when Nelson knocked on the door after coming back from McDonald's. Wade opened the door for Nelson and went back to sleep. When Wade woke up at about 8:40, he noticed Amber was still asleep on the other bed with the covers over her. Wade and Nelson spent the morning going to a few places. They first went to K-Mart, where Nelson purchased a shirt. They then went to a nearby store called Flying J and then returned back to the motel. Wade did some laundry and then he and Nelson went to hang out at the pool. Afterwards, when they were near the room, Nelson asked one of the maids if she wanted a bottle of rum that was left over and she agreed to have it. When they walked into the room, Nelson grabbed the bottle and told Amber to wake up. When she didn't move, he took the covers off her. She was naked from the waist down and her body was blue; she was bleeding from her forehead and had blood and foam coming out of her mouth. Nelson screamed and the maid called 911. Paramedics arrived shortly after and pronounced Amber dead at the scene. The investigation revealed Amber died from blunt force trauma. Police found a rubber mallet under the bed which had her blood on it. The investigation further revealed that Nelson had purchased a rubber mallet at K-Mart in the early morning of June 6. Nelson's semen was found on Amber's groin area, and his DNA was also on her clothing. Amber's Stepfather gave a letter written by Nelson to Amber proclaiming his love for her to the police. Nelson was charged with first-degree murder and child molestation. At trial, the court granted the defense's motion for acquittal on the child molestation charge based on lack of evidence of sexual assault. The jury convicted Nelson of first degree murder and sentenced him to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard Weiss |
| Prosecutors: | Matthew Smith & Victoria Stazio |
| Defense Counsel: | Lee Novak & James Belanger |
| Start of Trial: | November 4, 2009 |
| Verdict: | November 19, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | December 7, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Age of the victim

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# STEVEN RAY NEWELL

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 26, 1980 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 23, 2001, Elizabeth Byrd, an 8-year old, headed to school from her mother's trailer at approximately 8:00 a.m. Steven Newell approached Elizabeth and began walking with her. Steven Newell knew Elizabeth because he had dated Elizabeth's sister, Lori Stone, for several months. Elizabeth was late for school and told Newell that she didn't have time to talk to him. Newell persuaded Elizabeth to take a "short-cut" through a field with irrigation ditches. After Elizabeth and Newell were isolated and out of sight from passers-by, Newell sexually assaulted Elizabeth. After the assault, Newell grabbed a strap from Elizabeth's backpack and strangled her to death with it.

After Elizabeth was dead, Newell wrapped her body in a carpet and threw her into a water-filled drainage ditche. He was arrested approximately two weeks later. In custody, Newell admitted that he led Elizabeth into the isolated field and that he "sexually rubbed" up against her. He also admitted taking the strap from Elizabeth's purse and wrapping it around her neck, and that he threw her into the ditch. However, Newell denied murdering Elizabeth. Forensic testing proved that Newell was the source of semen found in the panties Elizabeth was wearing at the time of the murder.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Barry C. Schneider |
| Prosecutor: | Cleve Lynch & Patricia Nigro |
| Defense Counsel: | Bruce Peterson & Timothy Agan |
| Start of Trial: | January 20, 2004 |
| Verdict: | February 12, 2004 |
| Sentencing: | February 25, 2004 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Age of victim (under 15 years)
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Prior conviction for a serious offense (attempted kidnapping)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Newell*, 212 Ariz. 389, 132 P.3d 833 (2006).

# SCOTT D. NORDSTROM

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | September 28, 1967 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo |

On May 30, 1996, Robert Jones and Scott Nordstrom entered the Moon Smoke Shop in Tucson. Jones immediately began shooting, hitting a customer in the head and injuring an employee. Nordstrom shot another employee in the head. Jones and Nordstrom took money, which they shared with lookout David Nordstrom.

On June 13, 1996, Robert Jones and Scott Nordstrom entered the Firefighters Union Hall in Tucson. Jones shot three customers in the head and took the wallet of one of the victims. Nordstrom killed the bartender after he was unable to open the safe. Jones and Nordstrom took money from a cash register. Both cases were solved when David Nordstrom contacted the police.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael J. Cruikshank (Hon. Richard Nichols - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | David White (Rick Unklesbay - Resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Richard Bock and Harley Kurlander<br>(David Darby & Richard Parish - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | October 22, 1997 |
| Verdict: | December 2, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | May 18, 1998 |
| Resentencing | August 28, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Pecuniary gain
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Nordstrom*, 200 Ariz. 229, 25 P.3d 717 (2001).
*State v. Nordstrom*, 230 Ariz. 110, 280 P.3d 1244 (2012).

# MANUEL OVANTE, JR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | October 7, 1986 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victims: | (3) Hispanic / Mexican-American |

On June 11, 2008 Manuel Ovante, George Rojas, Nathan Duran, and Richard Fore all went to the residence of Jordan Trujillo to try and get some drugs. When none were available, they left to try and find some elsewhere. They subsequently came back to Jordan's house again looking for drugs. At this time, Damien Vickers and Gabriel Valenzuela were there at the house as well. Once inside the residence, Ovante suddenly pulled out a gun, pointed it at Gabriel and said "who left the safety on?" Ovante then shot Jordan twice, killing her. He then pointed the gun in the area where Damien and Gabriel were and started shooting again. Both Damien and Gabriel were shot, and Gabriel called 911 as Ovante, Rojas, and Fore were running back to the truck to flee the scene. Damien was fighting for his life and asked Duran to help him. Duran was able to get Damien to the truck and they all left. Damien was asking to be taken to a hospital but Ovante would not allow that to happen. Damien died in the truck and Ovante decided to dump Damien's body in an alley near the area of 12th Street and Roosevelt. Gabriel survived from his gun shot injuries.

Police arrested Rojas, Duran, and Fore a few days later. Ovante was arrested about a month later. In the initial part of the trial, Ovante plead guilty to the murders of Jordan and Damien, and also to the aggravated assault of Gabriel Valenzuela. Ovante then stipulated to the aggravating factors and the jury ultimately sentenced him to death.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Warren J. Granville |
| Prosecutors: | Jason Kalish & Belle Whitney |
| Defense Counsel: | Gary Shriver & Quinn Jolly |
| Guilty Plea: | December 15, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | February 24, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal Pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# DARREL P. PANDELI

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 23, 1964 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On September 24, 1993, Pandeli picked up the victim, Holly Iler, while driving home from Baby Dolls, a strip club in Phoenix. He paid the victim to have sex with him, but he was unable to maintain an erection and decided that he wanted his money back. Pandeli claimed that the victim was upset and attacked him. Pandeli slit the victim's throat and cut off her nipples, then dumped her body in an alley. He later flushed the nipples down a toilet.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Gregory H. Martin |
| Prosecutor: | Mark Barry |
| Defense Counsel: | Tamara D. Brooks-Primera and Treasure L. VanDreumel |
| Start of Trial: | June 23, 1997 |
| Verdict: | July 2, 1997 |
| Sentencing: | July 15, 1998 |
| Re-sentencing: | April 20, 2006 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Pandeli*, 200 Ariz. 365, 26 P.3d 1136 (2001).
*State v. Pandeli*, 204 Ariz. 569, 65 P.3d 950 (2003).
*State v. Pandeli*, 215 Ariz. 514, 161 P.3d 557 (2007).

# STEVEN JOHN PARKER

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | February 13, 1973 |
| Defendant: | Asian |
| Victims: | (2) White / Anglo |

Steven John Parker was sentenced to death for the murders of Wayne and Faye Smith. According to police, the couple was found stabbed and beaten to death in their Phoenix home on September 24, 2005. The home had also been burglarized. Parker lived next door to the Smith's at the time of the murders. The investigation revealed Parker borrowed a car and drove to California and then Mexico. The vehicle was eventually abandoned in San Diego. Parker was later arrested in Las Vegas and charged with the double homicide.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Roland Steinle |
| Prosecutors: | Laura M. Reckart & Vince Imbordino |
| Defense Counsel: | Maria L. Schaffer & Dawn R. Sinclair |
| Start of Trial: | March 15, 2010 |
| Verdict: | May 10, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | May 24, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# ISIAH PATTERSON

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 9, 1945 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victim: | Black / African American |

Isiah Patterson was sentenced to death for the 2006 murder of his girlfriend, Consquelo Barker. On March 17, 2006, Mesa Police were called to Patterson's home after receiving reports of a man and woman fighting. Patterson himself called 911 and hung up. He then called 911 again and said "You had better get here quick. I just did something bad with a butcher knife." When Police arrived, they found 32-year-old Consquelo brutally stabbed to death. The couple's 3-year-old son was inside the home at the time of the murder.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Janet E. Barton |
| Prosecutors: | Kristin L. Larish & Heather L. Wicht |
| Defense Counsel: | Vikki M. Liles & Stephen L. Duncan |
| Start of Trial: | September 30, 2009 |
| Verdict: | November 5, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | December 3, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances

Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Patterson*, 230 Aariz. 270, 283 P.3d 1 (2012).

# CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW PAYNE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 17, 1978 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | (2) White / Anglo |

In January of 2002, Payne married Jamie Hallam. They had two children, Tyler, born in 2001 and Ariana, born in 2002. Shortly after Ariana was born, Payne and Jaime divorced and she got sole custody of the children. Jamie had been investigated by CPS for reports of meth use and domestic violence and in 2006, CPS agreed that the children be in Payne's custody. At that time, Payne's and his girlfriend Reina Gonzalez had an apartment together, and they were both heroin addicts.

In February of 2007, there was a delinquent storage unit at Tucson storage facility called U-Store-It, and the manager opened the unit and cleared the contents. There was a large Rubbermaid tub with a foul smell in the unit which the manager decided to throw it in the dumpster. When she did, the lid opened and bugs flew out; there was a bag in liquid in it. The manager called police and they subsequently determined that the tub contained the remains of 4-year-old Ariana.

The police's investigation led to the arrests of both Payne and his girlfriend Reina. Initially, Reina told police she had no knowledge of the deaths. Reina eventually pled guilty to two counts of second-degree murder and her testimony at trial revealed that Tyler and Ariana were severely abused, neglected, beaten, starved, and locked in the closet for long periods of time while she and Payne abused heroin. When Payne found Ariana lifeless one evening, and after a failing to resuscitate her, he put Ariana in the closet and he and Reina went to abuse more heroin. In September of 2006, Chris paid a drug acquaintance to rent a storage unit where the remains of Ariana were ultimately found. Tyler's remains were never found. Chris was sentenced to death for the two murders. Reina was sentenced to two consecutive 22-year terms.

PROCEEDINGS

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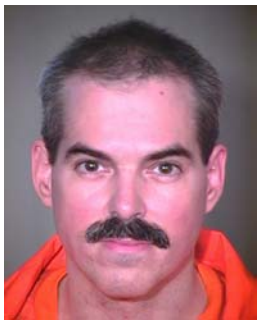
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Richard S. Fields |
| Prosecutors: | Susan Eazer & Bunke Chi |
| Defense Counsel: | John O'brien & Rebecca McLean |
| Start of Trial: | February 17, 2009 |
| Verdict: | March 17, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | March 31, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Age of the Victims
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple Homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal Pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# WAYNE B. PRINCE



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| Date of Birth: | December 27, 1971 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

On March 25, 1998, Prince and his wife, Christine, were arguing in the apartment where they lived with Christine's two children, Cassandra (age 13) and Andrew (age 10). Prince, pointing a handgun at Christine and Cassandra, repeatedly said he was going to kill the children, Christine, and then himself. Prince threw Cassandra to the floor when she tried to escape. Cassandra retreated to her room as Prince brutally beat Christine. Prince shoved Christine into Cassandra's bedroom, then aimed the gun at Cassandra. Christine placed herself between the gun and her daughter and pled for Cassandra's life. Prince punched Christine in the face, then shot Cassandra in the head. As Christine yelled for help, Prince shot her in the neck. The gun jammed after the second shot, prompting Prince to flee. Cassandra died, but Christine survived. A jury found Prince guilty of murdering Cassandra, and attempting to murder Christine.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael R. McVey (Hon. Sally S. Duncan - Resentencing) |
| Prosecutor: | Cleve Lynch (Cleve Lynch - Resentencing) |
| Defense Counsel: | Emmet J. Ronan & Vernon E. Lorenz<br>(Dennis C. Jones & John D. Napper - Resentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | August 18, 1999 |
| Verdict: | August 24, 1999 |
| Sentencing: | June 12, 2000 |
| Resentencing | January 15, 2009 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Prince*, 204 Ariz. 156, 61 P.3d 450 (2003).
*State v. Prince*, 206 Ariz. 24, 75 P.3d 114 (2003).
*State v. Prince*, 226 Ariz. 516, 250 P.3d 1145 (2011).

# STEPHEN DOUGLAS REEVES

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 5, 1954 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |

On June 2, 2007, Stephen Douglas Reeves, who was a meth addict, went to the business plaza near 73rd Avenue and Indian School Road. The victim, 18-year-old Norma Gabriella Contreras was working at C&R Insurance which was part of the business plaza. A therapist working at another business nearby heard a woman screaming along with loud bumping sounds. When she went to investigate where the screams and bumping sounds were coming from, she saw a pool of blood and the arms and head of a woman being pulled into an office inside the insurance company and immediately called police. When police arrived, they found Norma dead; she had been beaten with a brick, choked with a stick, and had her throat slit. Police were able to take Reeves into custody shortly thereafter. The business mall was equipped with a surveillance system which captured the murder. The video recording was presented at trial and ultimately led to Reeves' conviction and death sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Arthur T. Anderson |
| Prosecutors: | Kristin Larrish, Treena J. Kay, & Larry J. Cohen |
| Defense Counsel: | Lynn B. Burns & Thomas E. Glow |
| Start of Trial: | November 9, 2009 |
| Verdict: | December 10, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | May 16, 2011 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while on release from DOC

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# EDWARD JAMES ROSE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 5, 1987 |
| Defendant: | Hispanic / Mexican-American |
| Victim: | Hispanic / Mexican American |

On July 27, 2007 Rose and his girlfriend went to a Phoenix check-cashing store with the intent to cash a forged check which was stolen from a business checkbook. The store clerk became suspicious as Rose and his girlfriend seemed nervous and fidgety. The clerk called the bank, the check owner, and 911 for help. Officer George Cortez was dispatched to the store after the 911 call was made. Officer Cortez entered the store and grabbed Rose from behind by the wrist. Rose turned around, pulled his gun out, and fatally shot Officer Cortez in the head and shoulder.

On the day Rose's trial was set to begin, he plead guilty to all counts. After the aggravation and penalty phase proceedings, the jury sentenced him to death. Rose's girlfriend plead guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

PROCEEDINGS

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| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul J. McMurdie |
| Prosecutors: | Vince Imbordino & Laura Reckart |
| Defense Counsel: | Joann Garcia & Raquel Centeno-Fequiere |
| Guilty Plea: | August 20, 2010 |
| Sentencing: | October 19, 2010 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Pecuniary gain
- Committed offense while on probation for felony offense
- Murder of a peace officer in the line of duty

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[Direct Appeal pending before the Arizona Supreme Court]

# HOMER RAY ROSEBERRY

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 07, 1944 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

In October, 2000, Homer Roseberry, Diane Roseberry, and Charles Dvoracek were involved in a scheme to steal drugs and money, and to re-sell the drugs. Homer Roseberry was trafficking approximately thirteen hundred pounds of marijuana with the victim, Fred Fottler. The two met in Phoenix, and drove to Las Vegas with the marijuana. At a pull-off area along Highway 93, Roseberry shot Fottler three times in the back of the head. Roseberry then dumped Fottler's body in the weeds along the highway and continued on to Las Vegas with the drugs. Roseberry threw the gun out several miles away from Fottler's body.

Diane Roseberry received a 7 year prison sentence, and Charles Dvoracek received a 10 year prison sentence.

PROCEEDINGS

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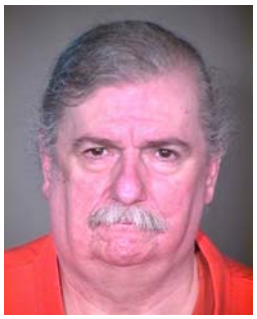
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. William Kiger |
| Prosecutors: | Steve Young |
| Defense Counsel: | Raymond Hanna & David Stoller |
| Start of Trial: | December 4, 2002 |
| Verdict: | December 19, 2002 |
| Sentencing: | July 14, 2003 |

Aggravating Circumstances
Pecuniary gain

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Roseberry*, 210 Ariz. 360, 111 P.3d 402 (2005).

# JOSEPH CLARENCE SMITH, Jr.



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | June 15, 1949 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | White / Anglo, Asian / Asian American |

Shortly before midnight on December 30, 1975, 18-year-old Sandy Spencer finished work at a fast food restaurant and began hitchhiking home. Smith picked her up and drove her to a desert location north and west of Phoenix. There he bound her, forced dirt into her mouth and nostrils, and taped her mouth closed. Ms. Spencer died of asphyxiation, but to satisfy himself that she was actually dead, Smith stabbed her numerous times and embedded a 2-inch long sewing needle in her breast. Ms. Spencer's nude body was found on January 1, 1976. In late January of 1976, Smith picked up another hitchhiker, 14-year-old Neva Lee. Smith took the girl to another desert location and killed her by forcing dirt into her mouth and nostrils and taping her mouth closed. Ms. Lee also died of asphyxiation, was stabbed several times, and had been jabbed in the breasts with needles. Her nude body was discovered on February 2, 1976. Smith was first tried and convicted for the murder of Neva Lee. Several days into the trial for the murder of Sandy Spencer, Smith entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Robert J. Corcoran<br>Hon. Thomas O'Toole (re-sentencing) |
| Prosecutors: | Lawrence Turoff (Neva Lee)<br>Rudolph J. Gerber (Sandy Spencer)<br>Dave Powell (re-sentencing) |
| Defense: | Stephen Rempe and David Basham<br>Dennis Jones & Dawn Sinclair (re-sentencing) |
| Start of Trial: | May 24, 1977 (Neva Lee)<br>June 28, 1977 (Sandy Spencer) |
| Verdict: | June 17, 1977 (Neva Lee) |
| Guilty Plea: | July 7, 1977 (Sandy Spencer) |
| Sentencing: | August 31, 1977 (both murders) |
| Resentencing: | November 7, 1979 (both murders) |
| Resentencing: | June 2, 2004 (both murders) |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior convictions punishable by life imprisonment or death
- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Smith (J.C.)*, 123 Ariz. 231, 599 P.2d 187 (1979).
*State v. Smith (J.C.)*, 131 Ariz. 29, 638 P.2d 696 (1981).
*Smith v. Stewart*, No. 97B99010 (9th Cir. Aug. 31, 1999).
*State v. Smith (J.C.)*, 215 Ariz. 221, 159 P.3d 531 (2007).

# PAUL BRADLEY SPEER

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | November 13, 1978 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

Paul Speer was in jail awaiting trial for a burglary he committed with his brother, Chris Womble, at the residence of Adan & Enriqueta Soto. While in jail, Speer conspired with his other brother, Brian Womble, over the phone to kill Adan and Enriqueta who were to be witnesses in the burglary trial. In the early hours of May 25, 2002, Brain Womble broke into the Soto residence and shot Adan and Enriqueta while they slept with their baby boy between them. Enriqueta awoke in pain, not knowing she had been shot and called 911 after failing to wake Adan. Enriqueta, then 30, was permanently debilitated. Adan, 42, died with his arms around his son. Two other children were asleep in the Soto residence at the time. Brian Womble was also sentenced to death for his participation in this crime.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Andrew G. Klein |
| Prosecutor: | Jeanette Gallagher |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert Storrs, Bruce Blumberg, & Pamela Nicholson |
| Start of Trial: | November 2, 2006 |
| Verdict: | January 25, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | March 29, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction for a serious offense
- Grave risk of death to others
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while in custody

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Speer*, 221 Ariz. 409, 212 P.3d 787 (2009).

# EUGENE R. TUCKER

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 5, 1981 |
| Defendant: | Black / African American |
| Victims: | Black / African-American (2), White / Anglo (1) |

Tucker had been dating a woman by the name of AnnMarie Merchant. On the evening of July 14, 1999, AnnMarie rejected Tucker's efforts to see her. The next morning, Tucker went to AnnMarie's apartment, where she lived with her brother, Roscoe Merchant, his girlfriend, Cindy Richards, and Cindy's infant son. Roscoe and Cindy were sleeping in their room when Tucker entered and shot them in the head. Tucker then went to AnnMarie's room, where a violent struggle ensued. Tucker inflicted multiple blunt force injuries to the back of AnnMarie's head. Tucker also sexually assaulted AnnMarie vaginally and anally. At some point, Tucker handcuffed AnnMarie, bound her mouth and face with duct tape, and wrapped a telephone cord around her neck. Finally, Tucker shot AnnMarie under her jaw and behind her left ear.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Michael D. Jones |
| Prosecutor: | Patricia Hicks-Stevens |
| Defense Counsel: | Gene Stratford &Greg Clark |
| Start of Trial: | August 21, 2000 |
| Verdict: | September 15, 2000 |
| Sentencing: | March 9, 2001 |
| Re-sentencing: | May 3, 2005 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Grave risk of death to others
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Multiple Homicides

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Tucker*, 205 Ariz. 157, 68 P.3d 110 (2003).
*State v. Tucker*, 215 Ariz. 298, 160 P.3d 177 (2007).

# PETE VANWINKLE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 9, 1982 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victim: | White / Anglo |

Pete Vanwinkle was sentenced to death for the murder of Robert Cotton. Vanwinkle was awaiting trial in the Fourth Avenue Jail on charges of attempted 2nd degree murder and misconduct involving weapons. Cotton was in jail awaiting trial on theft charges. On May 1, 2008, Vanwinkle brutally strangled and beat Cotton to death inside his cell. The majority of the murder was captured on the jail's video surveillance.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Paul J. McMurdie |
| Prosecutors: | Vince Imbordino & John F. Beatty |
| Defense Counsel: | Timothy J. Agan & Toby C. Schmich |
| Start of Trial: | October 14, 2009 |
| Verdict: | November 9, 2009 |
| Sentencing: | November 17, 2009 |

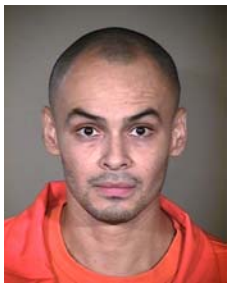
Aggravating Circumstances

- Prior conviction of a serious offense
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while in custody

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Vanwinkle*, 230 Ariz. 387, 285 P.3d 308 (2012).

# JUAN VELAZQUEZ



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | July 24, 1978 |
| Defendant: | Mexican American / Hispanic |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

In August, 2001, Juan Velazquez moved in with Virginia Venegas and her two young children, 3-year old Isabella and 12-year old Liana.

On September 26, 2001, Venegas called 9-1-1, reporting that Liana was missing. The Phoenix Police Department responded and a massive search for Liana began. Venegas and Velazquez told the police that Velazquez had gone to a local laundry mat earlier, and had left the arcadia door open. Ms. Venegas was busy in the kitchen and assumed Liana had gone with Velazquez. When Velazquez called home from the laundry mat, they realized Liana was missing.

While the police were searching for Liana, her father arrived. He observed bruising on Isabella's head and took her to a nearby hospital. Among other injuries, Isabella had a skull fracture, swollen bruises on her face, and bruising on her chest and back.

Phoenix Police detectives interviewed Velazquez and arrested him the next day, September 27, 2001. He admitted tripping Liana several times, causing her to hit her head and finally lose consciousness. He further admitted holding his hand over Liana's mouth to keep her quiet, knowing that she could not breathe, and to squeezing her around the rib cage. He also admitted that he had been abusing both for approximately a month.

On September 28, 2001, divers found Liana's body in a canal, weighted down by a cement block which Velazquez had tied to her with wire. She had been killed by a blow to the head.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Jeffrey S. Cates |
| Prosecutor: | Jeannette Gallagher and Jeffrey Zick |
| Defense Counsel: | Robert L. Storrs & Joey Hamby |
| Start of Trial: | July 28, 2004 |
| Verdict: | August 31, 2004 |
| Sentencing: | October 08, 2004 |

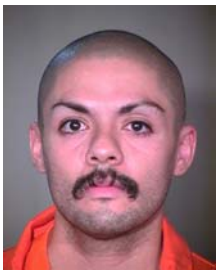
Aggravating Circumstances

- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of victim (under 15)
- Prior conviction for a serious offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Velazquez*, 216 Ariz. 300, 166 P.3d 91 (2007).

# JOSHUA IDELFONSO VILLALOBOS



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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | April 1, 1982 |
| Defendant: | Mexican-American / Hispanic |
| Victim: | Mexican-American / Hispanic |

Linda Verdugo was the mother of two daughters; Ashley, from a previous relationship and Anyssa, who she had with Villalobos. Linda and Villalobos both worked and each took care of the girls when the other was at work. The evidence presented at trial proved the following: on January 3, 2004 Linda worked her usual 4pm to 1:00 am shift while the girls were under the supervision of Villalobos. At some point during that evening, Ashley hit her younger sister Anyssa, Villalobos' daughter. Villalobos proceeded to beat Ashley in an attempt to discipline her. When it came time to pick Linda up from work, Villalobos drove to pick her up at 1:00 am and both girls were in the back seat and appeared to be asleep. When they arrived back at the apartment, Linda carried Anyssa and Villalobos carried Ashley back to the apartment. The evidence showed Villalobos made sure *he* was the one to carry Ashley. When Villalobos woke up the following morning, he frantically woke Linda up to alert her of Ashley's condition. The evidence indicated that 5-year-old Ashley was already dead at this point. The medical examiner testified at length about how severely Ashley was beaten and how it ultimately led to her death. Linda Verdugo plead guilty to attempted child abuse and was sentenced to one year in jail and lifetime probation.

PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Raymond P. Lee |
| Prosecutors: | Patricia L. Stevens & Manuel D. Rubalcaba |
| Defense Counsel: | Rodrick Carter & Stephen Duncan |
| Start of Trial: | February 11, 2008 |
| Verdict: | March 31, 2008 |
| Sentencing: | April 15, 2008 |

Aggravating Circumstances
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Age of the victim (under 15)
- Committed offence while on release from DOC

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Villalobos*, 225 Ariz. 74, 235 P.3d 227 (2010).

# BRIAN ALLEN WOMBLE

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|---|---|
| Date of Birth: | May 15, 1983 |
| Defendant: | White / Anglo |
| Victims: | Mexican American / Hispanic |

Brian Womble conspired with his brother, Paul Speer, to kill Adan and Enriqueta Soto. Speer was in jail awaiting trial for a burglary he committed with his other brother, Chris Womble, at the Soto Residence. While Speer was in jail, he and Womble, plotted over the phone to kill the Soto's who were to be witnesses in Speer's burglary trial. In the early hours of May 25, 2002, Womble broke into the Soto residence and shot Adan and Enriqueta while they slept with their baby boy between them. Enriqueta awoke in pain, not knowing she had been shot and called 911 after failing to wake Adan. Enriqueta, then 30, was permanently debilitated. Adan, 42, died with his arms around his son. Two other children were asleep in the Soto residence at the time. Paul Speer was also sentenced to death for his participation in this crime.

PROCEEDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Presiding Judge: | Hon. Andrew G. Klein |
| Prosecutor: | Jeanette Gallagher |
| Defense Counsel: | Herman Alcantar & Rodrick Carter |
| Start of Trial: | March 12, 2007 |
| Verdict: | April 26, 2007 |
| Sentencing: | May 7, 2007 |

Aggravating Circumstances

- Grave risk of death to others
- Especially heinous, cruel or depraved
- Committed offense while on probation for a felony offense

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*State v. Womble*, 225 Ariz. 91, 235 P.3d 244 (2010).