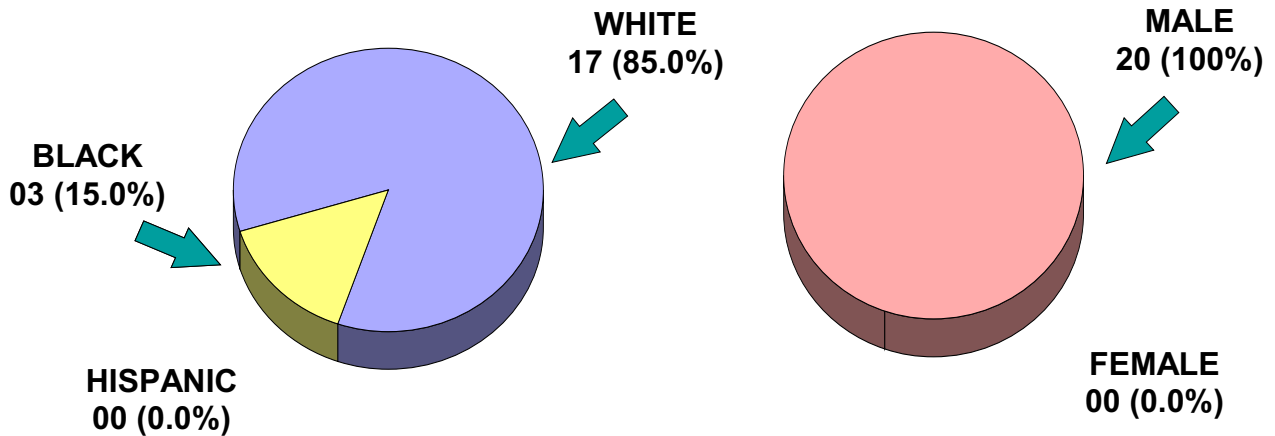
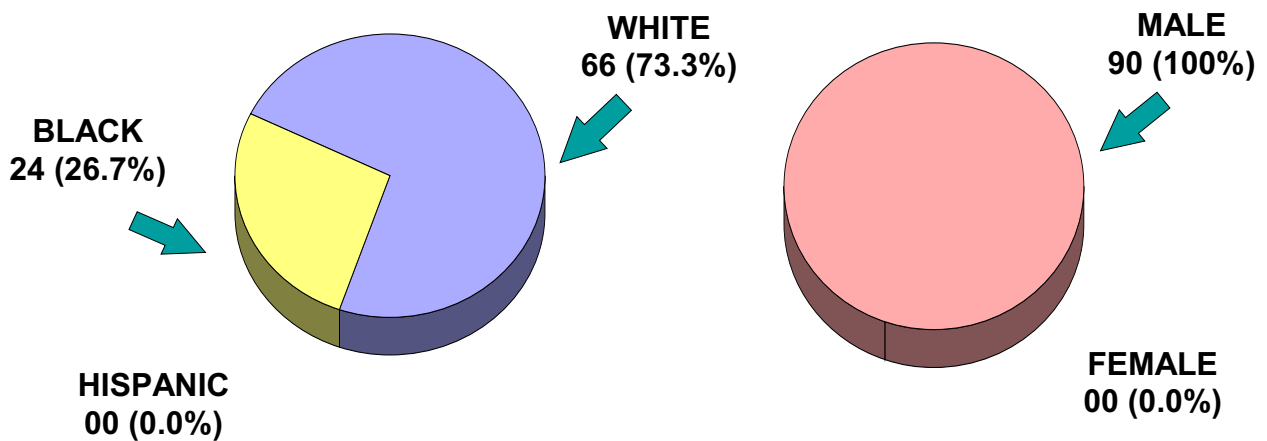


## Executions in Indiana Since 1977 = 20



## Executions in Indiana Since 1900 = 90



- ✓ The last fifteen executions in Indiana have been of white males.
- ✓ Indiana conducted more executions in 2005 (5) than in any year since 1938, when 8 convicted murderers were executed.
- ✓ Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Missouri and Indiana are the only states that have executed more convicted murderers since 1976 than are currently on death row.

## INDIANA EXECUTIONS SINCE 1977

<u>Inmate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date of Execution</u>	<u>Method of Execution</u>
1. Steven T. Judy*	Morgan	03-09-1981	Electrocution
2. William Vandiver*	Lake	10-16-1985	Electrocution
3. Gregory D. Resnover	Marion	12-08-1994	Electrocution
4. Tommie J. Smith	Marion	07-19-1996	Lethal Injection
5. Gary Burris	Marion	11-20-1997	Lethal Injection
6. Robert A. Smith*	Sullivan	01-29-1998	Lethal Injection
7. D. H. Fleenor	Johnson	12-09-1999	Lethal Injection
8. Gerald W. Bivins*	Boone	03-14-2001	Lethal Injection
9. James Lowery	Tippecanoe/Boone	06-27-2001	Lethal Injection
10. Kevin Lee Hough	Allen	05-02-2003	Lethal Injection
11. Joseph L. Trueblood	Tippecanoe	06-13-2003	Lethal Injection
12. Donald Ray Wallace	Vanderburgh/Vigo	03-10-2005	Lethal Injection
13. Bill J. Benefiel	Vigo	04-21-2005	Lethal Injection
14. Gregory Scott Johnson	Madison	05-25-2005	Lethal Injection
15. Kevin A. Conner	Marion	07-27-2005	Lethal Injection
16. Alan L. Matheney	St.Joseph/Lake	09-28-2005	Lethal Injection
17. Marvin L. Bieghler	Howard	01-27-2006	Lethal Injection
18. David Leon Woods	Dekalb/Boone	05-04-2007	Lethal Injection
19. Michael Allen Lambert	Delaware	06-15-2007	Lethal Injection
20. Matthew E. Wrinkles	Vanderburgh	12-11-2009	Lethal Injection

\* Waived appeals

### EXECUTED IN TEXAS WHILE ON INDIANA DEATH ROW:

Michael Lee Lockhart	Lake	12-09-1997	Lethal Injection
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### EXECUTED IN OHIO WHILE ON INDIANA DEATH ROW:

Alton Coleman	Lake	04-26-2002	Lethal Injection
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## INDIANA EXECUTIONS SINCE 1977

<u>Inmate</u>	<u>Date of Murder</u>	<u>Date of Sentencing</u>	<u>Sentencing Judge</u>
1. Steven T. Judy*	04-28-1979	02-25-1980	Judge Jeffrey V. Boles
2. William Vandiver*	03-20-1983	01-20-1984	Judge James E. Letsinger
3. Gregory Resnover	12-11-1980	07-23-1981	Judge Jeffrey V. Boles
4. Tommie J. Smith	12-11-1980	07-23-1981	Judge Jeffrey V. Boles
5. Gary Burris	01-29-1980	02-20-1981	Judge John Tranberg
6. Robert A. Smith*	06-30-1995	07-12-1996	Judge P.J. Pierson
7. D. H. Fleenor	12-12-1982	01-04-1984	Judge Larry J. McKinney
8. Gerald W. Bivins*	01-16-1991	06-05-1992	Judge Thomas K. Milligan
9. James Lowery	09-30-1979	07-11-1980	Judge Paul H. Johnson Jr.
10. Kevin Lee Hough	11-06-1985	06-11-1987	Judge Edward J. Meyers
11. Joseph L. Trueblood	08-15-1988	08-12-1990	Judge Ronald E. Melichar
12. Donald Ray Wallace	01-14-1980	10-21-1982	Judge Hugh D. McQuillan
13. Bill J. Benefiel	08-15-1988	08-12-1990	Judge Michael H. Eldred
14. Gregory Scott Johnson	06-23-1985	06-19-1986	Judge Thomas Newman, Jr.
15. Kevin A. Conner	01-26-1988	11-03-1988	Judge John W. Tranberg
16. Alan L. Matheney	03-04-1989	05-11-1990	Judge James E. Letsinger
17. Marvin L. Bieghler	12-10-1981	03-25-1983	Judge Dennis H. Parry
18. David Leon Woods	04-07-1984	03-28-1985	Judge Donald R. Peyton
19. Michael Allen Lambert	12-28-1990	01-17-1992	Judge Robert L. Barnet, Jr.
20. Matthew E. Wrinkles	07-21-1994	06-14-1995	Judge Richard L. Young

\* Waived appeals

### EXECUTED IN TEXAS WHILE ON INDIANA DEATH ROW:

Michael Lee Lockhart	03-22-1988	10-26-1988	Judge James E. Letsinger
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### EXECUTED IN OHIO WHILE ON INDIANA DEATH ROW:

Alton Coleman	07-11-1984	06-24-1985	Judge Richard W. Maroc
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	<u>Age At Murder</u>	<u>Age At Sentencing</u>	<u>Age At Execution</u>	<u>Sentence to Execution Time on Death Row</u>
Judy*	22 yr, 339 d	23 yr, 277 d	24 yr, 289 d	01 yr, 012 d
Vandiver*	34 yr, 206 d	35 yr, 147 d	37 yr, 051 d	01 yr, 269 d
Resnover	29 yr, 121 d	29 yr, 345 d	43 yr, 118 d	13 yr, 138 d
T. Smith	26 yr, 309 d	27 yr, 167 d	42 yr, 163 d	14 yr, 361 d
Burris I	23 yr, 043 d	24 yr, 034 d	40 yr, 338 d	09 yr, 185 d
Burris II	23 yr, 043 d	34 yr, 340 d	40 yr, 338 d	05 yr, 363 d
R. Smith*	45 yr, 119 d	46 yr, 131 d	47 yr, 332 d	01 yr, 201 d
Fleenor	31 yr, 042 d	33 yr, 067 d	48 yr, 039 d	15 yr, 339 d
Bivins*	31 yr, 030 d	32 yr, 181 d	41 yr, 097 d	08 yr, 282 d
Lowery I	32 yr, 198 d	33 yr, 117 d	54 yr, 103 d	21 yr, 351 d
Lowery II	32 yr, 198 d	35 yr, 297 d	54 yr, 103 d	18 yr, 171 d
Hough	26 yr, 081 d	27 yr, 298 d	43 yr, 258 d	15 yr, 325 d
Trueblood	31 yr, 233 d	33 yr, 107 d	46 yr, 169 d	13 yr, 062 d
Wallace	22 yr, 133 d	25 yr, 048 d	47 yr, 188 d	22 yr, 140 d
Benefiel	32 yr, 073 d	34 yr, 070 d	48 yr, 322 d	14 yr, 252 d
Johnson	20 yr, 125 d	21 yr, 121 d	40 yr, 096 d	18 yr, 340 d
Conner	22 yr, 305 d	23 yr, 221 d	40 yr, 122 d	16 yr, 266 d
Matheney	38 yr, 118 d	39 yr, 186 d	54 yr, 326 d	15 yr, 140 d
Bieghler	33 yr, 360 d	35 yr, 100 d	58 yr, 043 d	22 yr, 308 d
Woods	19 yr, 244 d	20 yr, 233 d	42 yr, 270 d	22 yr, 037 d
Lambert	20 yr, 068 d	21 yr, 088 d	36 yr, 237 d	15 yr, 149 d
Wrinkles	34 yr, 199 d	35 yr, 162 d	49 yr, 342 d	14 yr, 180 d
➤ <b>AVG</b>	<b>28 yr, 349 d</b>	<b>30 yr, 207 d</b>	<b>46 yr, 109 d</b>	<b>16 yr, 092 d</b>

	<u>Murder to Death Sentence</u>	<u>Sentence to Direct Appeal Opinion</u>	<u>Murder to Execution</u>	<u>Direct Appeal Opinion to Execution</u>
Judy*	00 yr, 303 d	00 yr, 339 d	01 yr, 315 d	00 yr, 038 d
Vandiver*	00 yr, 306 d	01 yr, 190 d	02 yr, 210 d	00 yr, 079 d
Resnover	00 yr, 224 d	02 yr, 126 d	13 yr, 362 d	10 yr, 264 d
T. Smith	00 yr, 224 d	03 yr, 001 d	15 yr, 220 d	11 yr, 360 d
Burris I	01 yr, 022 d	03 yr, 159 d	17 yr, 295 d	13 yr, 144 d
Burris II	11 yr, 297 d	02 yr, 347 d	17 yr, 295 d	03 yr, 016 d
R. Smith*	01 yr, 012 d	01 yr, 103 d	02 yr, 213 d	00 yr, 098 d
Fleenor	01 yr, 023 d	03 yr, 282 d	16 yr, 362 d	12 yr, 057 d
Bivins*	01 yr, 141 d	02 yr, 152 d	10 yr, 057 d	06 yr, 130 d
Lowery I	00 yr, 285 d	01 yr, 298 d	21 yr, 270 d	19 yr, 053 d
Lowery II	03 yr, 099 d	02 yr, 148 d	21 yr, 270 d	16 yr, 023 d
Hough	01 yr, 217 d	03 yr, 125 d	17 yr, 177 d	12 yr, 210 d
Trueblood	01 yr, 240 d	01 yr, 322 d	14 yr, 302 d	11 yr, 105 d
Wallace	02 yr, 280 d	03 yr, 046 d	25 yr, 055 d	19 yr, 094 d
Benefiel	01 yr, 362 d	01 yr, 036 d	16 yr, 249 d	13 yr, 215 d
Johnson	00 yr, 361 d	05 yr, 222 d	19 yr, 345 d	13 yr, 118 d
Conner	00 yr, 282 d	02 yr, 355 d	17 yr, 182 d	13 yr, 276 d
Matheney	01 yr, 068 d	01 yr, 243 d	16 yr, 208 d	13 yr, 262 d
Bieghler	01 yr, 105 d	02 yr, 128 d	24 yr, 048 d	20 yr, 180 d
Woods	00 yr, 355 d	04 yr, 245 d	23 yr, 027 d	17 yr, 157 d
Lambert	01 yr, 020 d	02 yr, 323 d	16 yr, 169 d	12 yr, 191 d
Wrinkles	00 yr, 328 d	02 yr, 200 d	15 yr, 143 d	11 yr, 345 d
➤ <b>AVG</b>	<b>01 yr, 061 d</b>	<b>02 yr, 287 d</b>	<b>18 yr, 095 d</b>	<b>14 yr, 021 d</b>

\* Judy, Vandiver, Robert Smith, and Bivins waived remaining appeals and were executed by consent. (Direct Appeal cannot be waived. All those executed by consent waived after Direct Appeal, except Bivins, who waived after unsuccessful Direct and PCR appeals.)

\*\* Burris' original 1981 death sentence was reversed on appeal by the Indiana Supreme Court. On remand, he was again sentenced to death in 1991.

\*\* Lowery's original 1980 death sentence was reversed on appeal by the Indiana Supreme Court. On remand, he was again sentenced to death in 1983.

► In calculating averages: (1) For *Age at Murder*, all inmates are counted, Burris and Lowery only once; (2) For *Age at Sentencing*, all inmates are counted, Burris and Lowery twice; (3) For *Age at Execution*, only those inmates who did not waive appeals are counted, Burris and Lowery only once; (4) For *Sentence to Execution*, only those inmates who did not waive appeals are counted, Burris and Lowery from last death sentence only once; (5) For *Murder to Death Sentence*, all inmates are counted, Burris and Lowery from first death sentence only once; (6) For *Sentence to Direct Appeal*, all inmates are counted, Burris and Lowery twice; (7) For *Murder to Execution*, only those inmates who did not waive appeals are counted, Burris and Lowery only once; (8) For *Direct Appeal to Execution*, only those inmates who did not waive appeals are counted, Burris and Lowery from last direct appeal only once.

## INDIANA EXECUTIONS SINCE 1977

### WRINKLES, MATTHEW ERIC # 20

Executed December 11, 2009 at 12:39 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

52nd murderer executed in U.S. in 2007  
1188th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana in 2007  
20th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
90th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
12-11-09	Lethal Injection	Matthew E. Wrinkles W / M / 34 - 49	01-03-60	Debbie Wrinkles W / F / 31 Tony Fulkerson W / M / 28 Natalie Fulkerson W / W / 26	07-21-94	.357 Handgun	Wife Brother in Law Sister in Law	06-14-95

**Judge / County:** Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Judge Richard L. Young

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Stanley M. Levco, Mary Margaret Lloyd

**Aggravating Circumstances:** b (8) 3 Murders

#### Summary:

After continuous marital problems with her husband Matthew Wrinkles, Debbie moved out of the house with their two children, going to live with Debbie's brother, Tony, and his wife, Natalie, on Tremont Drive in Evansville. Twice in the past Wrinkles had threatened Debbie with a gun. Soon after, Wrinkles filed for divorce. His mother was concerned about his behavior and had him committed. After three days of evaluation, he was released. In the next two weeks, despite a Protective Order in effect, Wrinkles went looking for Debbie. On July 20, 1994 Wrinkles, Debbie and their attorneys met for a provisional hearing in their divorce proceeding. They reached an agreement to set aside the Protective Order, and for Wrinkles to have visitation. They also agreed for Debbie to meet Wrinkles with the kids at a restaurant later that day. Debbie decided not to show up for the meeting. Later that night, Wrinkles again dressed up in camouflage and drove to the home of Tony Fulkerson, where Debbie and the kids were staying. He parked a block away, cut the telephone wires, and kicked in the back door. He was armed with a .357 handgun and a knife. When he was finished, Natalie was dead on the front porch with a gunshot wound to her face; Tony was dead in the bedroom with four gunshot wounds; Debbie was dead in the hallway with a gunshot wound to her chest/shoulder area. One of the children (Lindsay) saw her father shoot her mother, then attempt CPR. Lindsay told him she was going to call police, and he fled from the house. Wrinkles was later arrested at the home of his cousin, where the .357 murder weapon was recovered.

**Final / Special Meal:** Prime rib with a loaded baked potato, pork chops with steak fries, and two salads with ranch dressing and rolls.

**Final Words:** "Not at this time, let's get it done. Let's lock and load. It's plagiarized, but what the hell."

## Michael Allen Lambert #19

Executed June 15, 2007 12:29 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

23rd murderer executed in U.S. in 2007  
1080th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana in 2007  
19th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
89th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
06-15-07	Lethal Injection	Michael Allen Lambert W / M / 20 - 36	10-21-70	Officer Greg Winters W / M / 31	12-28-90	.25 Handgun	Arrestee	01-17-92

**Judge / County:** Delaware County Superior Court Judge Robert L. Barnet, Jr.

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Richard W. Reed, J. A. Cummins, Jeffrey L. Arnold

**Aggravating Circumstances:** b (6) Victim was law enforcement officer

### Summary:

Muncie Police Officers were dispatched to a traffic accident and observed an abandoned utility truck. The truck was towed and Lambert was found nearby crawling under a vehicle. Lambert had spent most of the night getting drunk and after telling officers he was trying to sleep, was arrested by Officer Kirk Mace for Public Intoxication. He was patted down and placed into the back of a police car driven by Officer Gregg Winters for transport to jail. A few minutes later, the police vehicle was observed sliding off the road into a ditch. Lambert was still handcuffed in the backseat and Officer Winters had been shot 5 times in the back of the head and neck. A .25 handgun was found laying on the floorboard. It was later learned that Lambert had stolen the .25 pistol from his employer. A demonstration/re-enactment video was introduced into evidence showing the manner in which a gun could be retrieved and fired while handcuffed. A statement by the defendant was admitted despite his .18 BAC.

### Final / Special Meal:

Declined.

### Final Words:

None.

## David Leon Woods #18

Executed May 5, 2007 1:35 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

17th murderer executed in U.S. in 2007  
1074th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 2007  
18th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
88th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
05-04-07	Lethal Injection	David Leon Woods W / M / 19 - 42	08-07-64	Juan Palencia H / M / 77	04-07-84	Stabbing With Knife	Neighbor	03-28-85

**Judge / County:** Boone County Superior Court Judge Donald R. Peyton (Venued from DeKalb County)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Paul R. Cherry, Ora A. Kincaid, III

**Aggravating Circumstances:** b (1) Robbery

### Summary:

Woods, Greg Sloan, and Pat Sweet went to the home of Juan Placencia in Garrett, Indiana to steal a television. Woods was armed with a knife. Sweet stayed in the yard, while Woods and Sloan rang the doorbell. When Placencia answered, Woods immediately jumped in and stabbed him with the knife. When he fell back and asked for help, Woods then stabbed him again repeatedly and took money from his wallet. Woods and Sloan then carried out the television, hid it, and later sold it. They washed their clothes and threw the knife in the creek. When police arrived the next morning in response to a call of a man needing help, Woods was on the porch of Placencia's apartment complex crying and saying that he had gone there to use the telephone and found the body. While questioning Woods, his mother came to the scene and told police that she thought her son was involved in the murder. She consented to a search of her residence, which revealed a knife sheath and a stained towel. Woods was taken to the station and while preparations were being made for a polygraph, Woods broke down and gave a complete confession. Sloan testified at trial after entering a guilty plea to Aiding in Murder.

### Final / Special Meal:

Woods shared a last meal of birthday cake and pizza with his family Wednesday. Prison officials had him on a liquid diet Thursday.

### Final Words:

"I want Juan's family to know I truly am sorry, and I do have remorse. I want everybody to know that I do have peace, and it's through Jesus Christ that I have this peace.

## Marvin Bieghler #17

Executed January 27, 2006 1:17 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

4th murderer executed in U.S. in 2006  
1008th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 2006  
17th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
87th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
01-27-06	Lethal Injection	Marvin Bieghler W / M / 33 - 58	12-15-47	Tommy Miller W / M / 21 Kimberly Miller	12-10-81	Handgun	Drug Customer and Wife	03-25-83

**Judge / County:** Howard County Superior Court Judge Dennis H. Parry

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Richard L. Russell, Charles J. Myers

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Burglary; b (8) 2 murders

### Summary:

Bieghler was in the business of buying and selling marijuana. Tommy Miller occasionally sold drugs for Bieghler. After one of Bieghler's chief operatives was arrested and a large shipment of marijuana seized, he was effectively put out of business. Bieghler told others that if he discovered who had "dropped a dime" on him, he would "blow him away." Bieghler suspected Miller of "snitching" on him. Bieghler and Brook drove to Miller's trailer near Kokomo, and while his bodyguard waited outside, Bieghler went in and shot both Tommy Miller and his pregnant wife Kimberly with a .38 pistol. A dime was placed near each body. He was later arrested in Florida. Brook reached a plea agreement with the prosecutor for a reduced sentence, and testified as a witness for the State at trial. While the gun was never recovered, nine .38 casings found at the scene matched those found at Bieghler's regular target shooting range. At trial, Bieghler claimed that he was on his way to Florida at the time of the shootings and that his pistol had gone missing prior to the shootings.

### Final / Special Meal:

Shrimp, mushrooms and deep-fried onion appetizers, New York strip steak, a chicken breast, baked potato, salad, and 7-Up soft drink.

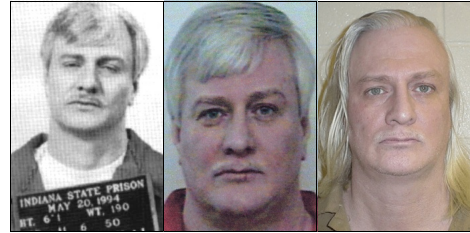
### Final Words:

"Let's get it over with."

## Alan Lehman Matheney #16

Executed September 28, 2005 12:27 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

41st murderer executed in U.S. in 2005  
985th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
5th murderer executed in Indiana in 2005  
16th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
86th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
09-28-05	Lethal Injection	Alan Lehman Matheney W / M / 38 - 54	11-06-50	Lisa Bianco W / F / 34	03-04-89	Beating with shotgun	Ex-Wife	05-11-90

**Judge / County:** Lake County Superior Court Judge James E. Letsinger  
(Venued from St. Joseph County)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** John D. Krisor

**Aggravating Circumstances:** b (1) Burglary; b (3) Lying in wait

### Summary:

Matheney was convicted and sent to prison in 1987 for Battery of his ex-wife, Lisa Bianco, and Confinement for taking the children out of state. While in prison, Matheney had repeatedly expressed a desire to kill Bianco, and attempted to solicit others to do so. After serving almost 2 years, he was given an 8-hour furlough from Pendleton, where he was an inmate. Although the pass authorized a trip to Indianapolis, Matheney headed straight for St. Joseph County. Once there, he changed clothes and took a shotgun from a friend's house, then drove to Mishawaka. He parked the car in a lot two doors down from his ex-wife's house, then broke in through the back door. Bianco ran from the home, pursued by Matheney through the neighborhood. When he caught her, he beat her with the shotgun that broke into pieces. He then got into his car and drove away. Bianco died as a result of this blunt force trauma. Matheney unsuccessfully asserted an insanity defense at trial. (This case generated massive amounts of publicity and led to state legislation requiring the Indiana DOC to notify victims of release from prison)

### Final / Special Meal:

Chicken wings, a fried chicken dinner, large wedges of potatoes, corn on the cob, biscuits and a chocolate shake.

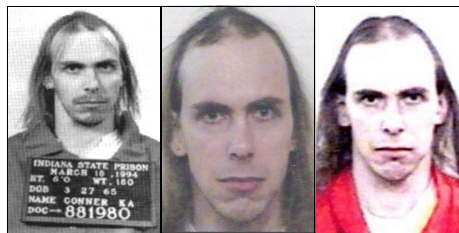
### Final Words:

"I love my family and my children. I'm sorry for the pain I've caused them. I thank my friends who stood by me . . . I'm sure my grandchildren will grow up happy and healthy in the care of their wonderful parents," Matheney said in a final statement read by his lawyer.

## Kevin Aaron Conner #15

Executed July 27, 2005 12:31 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

31st murderer executed in U.S. in 2005  
975th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
4th murderer executed in Indiana in 2005  
15th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
85th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
07-27-05	Lethal Injection	Kevin Aaron Conner W / M / 22 - 40	03-27-65	Steve Wentland W / M / 19 Tony Moore W / M / 24 Bruce Voge W / M / 19	01-26-88	Stabbing with knife Shotgun Shotgun	Acquaintances	11-03-88

**Judge / County:** Marion County Superior Court Judge John W. Tranberg

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** John V. Commons, David E. Cook

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (8) 3 murders

### Summary:

Conner was drinking with friends Steve Wentland, Tony Moore, and Bruce Voge at Moore's home. Wentland left for a drive with Moore in the front seat and Conner in the back. Wentland and Moore argued and Moore struck Wentland with Conner's knife. Wentland fled from the car but was chased down and run over by Moore. Conner then stabbed him to death. They drove to the warehouse of Conner's employer, where Conner and Moore began arguing about the nights events. Cooner shot Moore to death with a shotgun. Conner then returned to Moore's home and shot Voge on the couch. Conner then fled to Texas.

### Final / Special Meal:

His final meal came from Dairy Queen: four chili dogs, onion rings, a banana split and an Oreo-cookie Blizzard ice-cream drink, Correction Department spokeswoman Java Ahmed said. Conner also smoked two cigars -- an exception to the prison's no-smoking policy granted to condemned inmates.

### Final Words:

In an obscenity-laced final statement related by a prison spokeswoman, Conner said, "Everybody has to die sometime, so . . . let's get on with the killing."

## Gregory Scott Johnson #14

Executed May 25, 2005 12:28 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

26th murderer executed in U.S. in 2005  
970th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
3rd murderer executed in Indiana in 2005  
14th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
84th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
05-25-05	Lethal Injection	Gregory Scott Johnson W / M / 20 - 40	02-18-65	Ruby Hutslar W / F / 82	06-23-85	Stomping beating	None	06-19-86

**Judge / County:** Madison County Superior Court Judge Thomas Newman, Jr.

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** William F. Lawler, Jr.

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b(1) Burglary

### Summary:

A newspaper delivery boy noticed the home of 82 year old Ruby Hutslar on fire and roused a neighbor to call police. He returned but could not enter the home due to the fire and smoke. Firemen were able to put out the fire in about a half hour. Ruby Hutslar was found 5 feet from the front door with broken bones on her nose and cheek and 20 fractured ribs. Her larynx and spine were also fractured. An autopsy revealed that she died as a result of these injuries and not fire or smoke inhalation. A dispatch was sent out that Johnson was a suspect in several fires in the area. Johnson was seen by Officers watching the firemen fight the fire and was arrested for Public Intoxication. In custody, Johnson initially denied any involvement, but admitted setting 4 recent fires in the area. During a later interrogation, Johnson was asked if by killing Hutslar he was trying to join his friend, Mark Wisheart, on death row. Johnson became emotional and gave a full confession. (Johnson had testified as a prosecution witness against his friend Mark Wisheart charged with capital murder) Johnson stated that he had entered the home by breaking a front window with a broom and immediately confronted 90 pound Hutslar in her night clothes. Hutslar slumped to the floor, breathing heavily. Johnson said he stepped on her as he moved around the house. He took a watch and silver dollars, found matches, started the fire and fled.

### Final / Special Meal:

Johnson ate his traditional last meal Monday with his attorneys. He had ribs, pulled pork, sauteed mushrooms, soda and chocolate cheesecake (he wanted Oreo pie, but they were out). For his attorneys, he ordered pizza.

### Final Words:

"Everyone has been professional." After the execution, a handwritten statement from Johnson was distributed. In it, he expressed hope that his sister would survive even without his liver. "There are those who claim that Debi will have a new liver three weeks after being placed on the list. I'll be watching from above and expect her to be recuperating at that time." He was critical of the Indiana Parole Board for refusing to believe he sincerely wanted to help his sister, that he could have changed in 20 years. The board, he wrote, violated the Indiana Constitution, which states the penal code is "founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice." He then thanked others for their prayers. "I'll see you on the other side."

## Bill J. Benefiel #13

Executed April 21, 2005 12:35 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

16th murderer executed in U.S. in 2005  
960th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana in 2005  
13th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
83rd murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
04-21-05	Lethal Injection	Bill J. Benefiel W / M / 30 - 48	06-03-56	Delores Wells W / F / 19	02-07-87	Asphyxia by Superglue	None	11-03-88

**Judge / County:** Vigo County Superior Court Judge Michael H. Eldred

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Phillip I. Adler

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b(1) Rape; b(1) Criminal Deviate Conduct

### Summary:

17 year old Alicia was kidnapped on the way to a store two blocks from her home in Terre Haute by Benefiel, who was armed with a gun and wearing a mask. Alicia was tied-up and gagged, driven to Benefiel's home and taken inside. During 4 months of captivity inside Benefiel's home, Alicia was raped and sodomized over 60 times at gunpoint. Most of this time she was chained and handcuffed to a bed. He glued her eyelids shut, put tape over her eyes, and toilet paper in her mouth. She was cut with a knife and beaten. After 3½ months, Alicia saw a second girl, Delores Wells, in the home. She was naked and handcuffed on the bed, with tape over her eyes and mouth. She later saw Benefiel beat Delores and put superglue in her nose, then pinch it together. Benefiel left the home for 2 hours and upon his return, confessed to Alicia that he had killed and buried Delores. When police knocked on the door, Benefiel stuffed Alicia into a ceiling crawl space. The police entered with a search warrant and rescued her. The body of Delores was found soon after in a wooded area. An autopsy revealed injuries to her vagina and anus, and established asphyxia as the cause of death. (insanity defense)

### Final / Special Meal:

One large pizza with sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, green pepper, black olives and tomatoes; One 12-inch Italian beef sandwich with cheese; Four pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream: Butter Pecan, Cherry Garcia, New York Super Fudge Chunk and Oatmeal Cookie Chunk; One Dutch apple pie; Six cans of RC cola; Six cans of Pepsi cola.

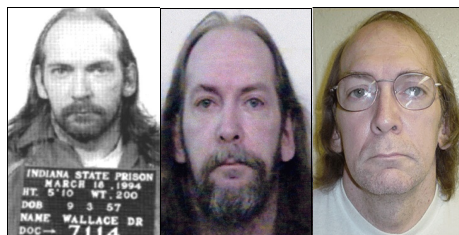
### Final Words:

When asked for a final statement, Benefiel said, "No, let's get this over with. Let's do it."

## Donald Ray Wallace Jr. #12

Executed March 10, 2005 12:23 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

9th murderer executed in U.S. in 2005  
953rd murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 2005  
12th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
82nd murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
03-10-05	Lethal Injection	Donald Ray Wallace Jr. W / M / 22 - 47	09-03-57	Patrick Gilligan W / M / 30 Teresa Gilligan W / F / 30 Lisa Gilligan W / F / 5 Gregory Gilligan W / M / 4	01-14-80	Handgun	None	10-21-82

**Judge / County:** Vigo County Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan  
(Venued from Vanderburgh County)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Stanley M. Levco, Robert J. Pigman

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Burglary; b (8) 4 murders

### Summary:

As attested by the admission of Wallace to friends after the fact, after burglarizing the home of Ralph Hendricks, he "got greedy" and decided to break into the house next door. However, when he did so, he was surprised to find the family inside. Patrick and Teresa Gilligan and their two children, aged 4 and 5, were confronted by Wallace with a gun. All four were tied up and shot in the head. Wallace would say to friends later that he shot Mr. Gilligan because he was "giving him trouble"; he shot Mrs. Gilligan because she was screaming and he "had to shut her up"; and he shot the children because he "could not let the children grow up with the trauma of not having parents." Wallace then took guns, a CB, a scanner, and other property, all of which was later recovered from or traced to Wallace. Wallace was found incompetent and confined in a mental hospital for almost 2 years prior to trial. His IQ was measured at 130. In the weeks before his execution Wallace admitted that he had "faked" mental illness, and that he had in fact committed the murders.

### Final / Special Meal:

Filet mignon, baked potato, soup and chocolate truffle cake from a local Damon's Grill.

### Final Words:

"I hope everyone can find peace with this."

## Joseph L. Trueblood #11

Executed June 13, 2003 12:24 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

38th murderer executed in U.S. in 2003  
858th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana in 2003  
11th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
81st murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
06-13-03	Lethal Injection	Joseph L. Trueblood W / M / 31 - 46	12-26-56	Susan Bowsher W / F / 23 Ashlyn Bowsher W / F / 2 William Bowsher W / M / 17 mo	08-15-88	Handgun	Ex-Girlfriend and her children	04-12-90

**Judge / County:** Tippecanoe County Circuit Court Judge Ronald E. Melichar

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Jerry J. Bean, John H. Meyers, IV

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 (b) (12) 2 victims less than 12 years of age; b (8) 3 murders

### Summary:

Trueblood was upset with his former girlfriend, Susan Bowsher, because she expressed her intention of going back with her ex-husband. Trueblood picked up Susan and her two small children one day and while they were in the car he shot Susan 3 times in the head, and shot each child once in the head. He then drove to the home of his twin brother, admitted to him what he had done, borrowed a shovel, then drove to a secluded area and buried all three in a shallow grave. After 4 witnesses had testified at trial, Trueblood indicated a desire to plead guilty and did so. When interviewed by the Probation Officer for the Presentence Report, Trueblood claimed that Susan had shot the kids, then killed herself. He then sought to withdraw his guilty plea, which was denied.

### Final / Special Meal:

Trueblood refused a special last meal. "This is the way I'm protesting what the state is getting ready to do." Instead, he was given the same dinner as other inmates: a bologna sandwich, a cheese sandwich, cookies and fruit.

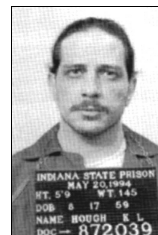
### Final Words:

In a final statement, Trueblood reiterated his innocence, asserting that Bowsher had killed herself and her children and that his attorneys had told him that pleading guilty was the best way to avoid the death penalty. "That's the only reason I pleaded guilty," he said, in a statement given through attorney John Sommers. "If I had been given a lie detector test, it would have proven I was telling the truth."

## Kevin Lee Hough #10

Executed March 14, 2003 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

30th murderer executed in U.S. in 2003  
850th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 2003  
10th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
80th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
05-02-03	Lethal Injection	Kevin Lee Hough W / M / 31 - 41	08-17-59	Ted Bosler W / M / 49 Gene Rubrake W / M / 56	11-06-85	Handgun	None	06-11-87

**Judge / County:** Allen County Superior Court Special Judge Edward J. Meyers

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Stephen M. Sims, Robert E. Love

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Robbery; b (7) Prior murder conviction; b (8) 2 murders

### Summary:

Hough was upset with his cousin's landlords, Ted Bosler and Gene Rubrake. When his cousin failed to pay rent, his landlords took his cousin's property. Along with his brother, Duane Lapp, Hough went to their residence in Fort Wayne "to get the property back." They were invited inside and once downstairs, Hough pulled a .45 automatic pistol. When Rubrake swung at him, Hough shot him in the chest. Bosler dropped to the floor and Hough shot him in the back. Hough then shot Rubrake again in the face. Hough took a TV remote and a beer which he thought may have fingerprints and left. Lapp testified at trial as the State's star witness.

In a separate trial, Hough was also convicted for murdering Antoni Bartkowiak during a home invasion 11 days before the murder of Bosler and Rubrake.

### Final / Special Meal:

Hough declined a last meal.

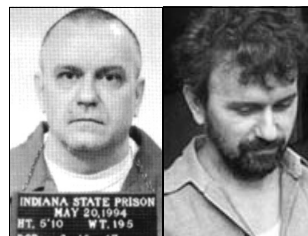
### Final Words:

"I hope the victims families get some measure of satisfaction. Hopefully their grief won't be so much."

## James Lowery #9

Executed June 27, 2001 12:29 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

39th murderer executed in U.S. in 2001  
722nd murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana in 2001  
9th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
79th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
06-27-01	Lethal Injection	James Lowery W / M / 32 - 54	03-16-47	Mark Thompson W / M / 80 Gertrude Thompson W / F / 80	09-30-79	Handgun	Former Employers	07-11-80 01-07-83

**Judge / County:** Boone County Superior Court Judge Paul H. Johnson, Jr.  
(Venued from Tippecanoe County)  
Hendricks County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey V. Boles (On remand)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** John H. Meyers, IV, John W. Barce

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Burglary; b (1) Robbery; b (8) 2 murders

### Summary:

Mark and Gertrude Thompson were 80 years of age, in declining health, and needed assistance in caring for themselves and their property. Both were found shot to death in their country home in West Point, Indiana. The Thompsons had earlier employed Lowery and his wife as caretakers. The Thompsons, dissatisfied with the Lowerys, asked them to leave. Lowery and his friend Jim Bennett discussed committing robbery and Lowery told Bennett he knew where he could get some money. Bennett picked Lowery up and followed Lowery's directions. Lowery told Bennett they were going to the Thompson's residence to force him to write a check for \$9,000, then to kill and bury both Thompsons. Lowery forced housekeeper Janet Brown into the kitchen where Mark Thompson was standing. He told Thompson he was being held up and then shot him in the stomach. Lowery then went to another room, forced Mrs. Thompson into the kitchen and shot her in the head. He also shot Brown, but Brown had her hand over her head when Lowery fired at her, causing injury to her hand and her head, but not fatally wounding her. When an alarm began sounding, he went back to and shot Mr. Thompson in the head and fled. Lowery admitted the killings during penalty phase testimony. Bennett pled guilty by agreement, received a 40 year sentence, and testified against Lowery at his first trial. Following reversal on direct appeal for failure to sequester the jury, a second trial ended with the same result. At the second trial, Bennett refused to testify and his previous testimony was admitted against Lowery, who was sentenced to death a second time.

### Final / Special Meal:

He declined a special last meal in favor of standard inmate fare.

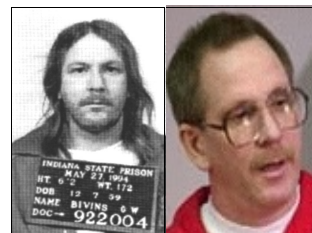
### Final Words:

Afterward, his attorney, Monica Foster read a lengthy handwritten statement from Lowery that ended with the words: "I am so very sorry."

## Gerald W. Bivins #8

Executed March 14, 2001 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

19th murderer executed in U.S. in 2001  
702rd murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 2001  
8th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
78th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
03-14-01	Lethal Injection	Gerald W. Bivins W / M / 31 - 41	12-07-59	Rev. William H. Radcliffe W / M / 39	01-16-91	Handgun	None	06-05-92

**Judge / County:** Boone County Superior Court Special Judge Thomas K. Milligan

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Rebecca S. McClure, Bruce E. Petit

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b(1) Robbery

### Summary:

Bivins, Chambers, and Weyls engaged in a 2-day central Indiana crime spree. They shoplifted blue jeans at gunpoint from a Lafayette Lazarus. They then drove to a Holiday Inn in Lebanon, forced their way into a guest's room, robbed him, stole his vehicle, and left him tied to the bathtub. Heading back toward Lafayette, they stopped at a rest stop north of Lebanon, and robbed Reverend Radcliffe at gunpoint in the restroom. After taking his wallet, Bivins turned Radcliffe around into a stall and shot him in the head. Later, Bivins said he did so "because he wanted to know what it felt like to kill." Full confessions followed. After losing direct and PCR appeals, Bivins waived federal appeals.

### Final / Special Meal:

Earlier he had consumed a last meal of German ravioli and chicken and dumplings prepared by his mother in the prison kitchen under supervision. Prison officials said it was the first time the state had granted a condemned inmate's request for a final meal cooked by a family member.

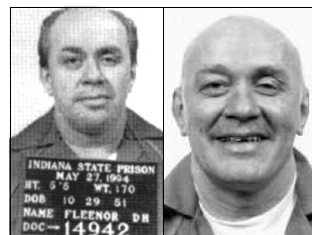
### Final Words:

"I wish to apologize to the victim's family for the pain I have caused and the pain I have caused my family and friends and I ask that they, who did this to me, be forgiven."

## D. H. Fleenor #7

Executed December 9, 1999 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

94th murderer executed in U.S. in 1999  
594th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1999  
7th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
77th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
12-09-99	Lethal Injection	D. H. Fleenor W / M / 31 - 48	10-29-51	Nyla Harlow W / F / 49 Bill Harlow W / M / 58	12-12-82	Handgun	Mother-in-Law Her Husband	01-04-84

**Judge / County:** Johnson County Circuit Court Judge Larry J. McKinney  
(Venued from Jefferson County)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Merritt K. Alcorn, Wilmer E. Goering II, Robert C. Shook

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Burglary; b (3) Lying in Wait; b (8) 2 murders

### Summary:

Fleenor went to an evening church service attended by his estranged wife, Sandra Sedam, and her parents, Bill and Nyla Harlow. He stayed briefly, then left. When Sandra and her parents returned to their home, Fleenor appeared in the hallway and immediately shot Bill with a .22 he purchased earlier in the day. Fleenor ordered Sandra, her mother, and 3 grandchildren to sit on the couch. He allowed Nyla to go to her husband. As Nyla assisted Bill on the floor, Fleenor shot her in the head. He ordered Sandra and the kids to carry her body to the bedroom. He forced Sandra to drive to her brother's home to tell him they would be out of town for a few days, then returned to the Harlow home. Bill was still alive and asked about his wife. Fleenor said, "I can't let him suffer" and shot him dead. The next morning, Fleenor fled to Tennessee with Sandra and the children in tow. The bodies were not discovered until 4 days later. Police captured Fleenor at the home of relatives in Tennessee.

### Final / Special Meal:

None.

### Final Words:

"I am not guilty."

## Robert Allan Smith #6

Executed January 29, 1998 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

3rd murderer executed in U.S. in 1998  
435th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1998  
6th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
76th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
01-29-98	Lethal Injection	Robert Allan Smith W / M / 45 - 47	03-03-50	Michael Wedmore W / M / 33	06-30-95	Stabbing w/ putty knife	Fellow DOC Inmate	07-12-96

**Judge / County:** Sullivan County Circuit Court Judge P. J. Pierson

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Robert E. Springer

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (9) In Custody of DOC

### Summary:

Smith, serving a 38 year sentence for Battery, was an inmate at the Indiana DOC, Wabash Correctional Institution in Sullivan County. Along with inmate Lunsford, Smith stabbed inmate Michael Wedmore 37 times with a sharpened putty knife. The attack was witnessed by correctional officers. Both Smith and Lunsford surrendered immediately, turning over the murder weapons. Smith proceeded pro-se, pled guilty, and agreed to a Death Sentence. The Court nevertheless appointed standby counsel who raised competency as an issue. At the guilty plea hearing, Smith stated, "I'm telling the court that the next person I go at won't be a baby killer, it will be a state employee and I will butcher him." (Wedmore was serving a 60 year sentence for the murder of his girlfriend's 2 year old child in Hamilton County). Accomplice Lunsford received a 40 year sentence.

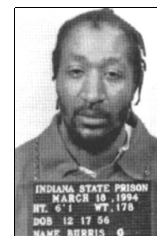
**Final / Special Meal:**

### Final Words:

Smith apologized for being such a screw-up during his life and then quoted Eleanor Roosevelt: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

## Gary Burris #5

Executed November 20, 1997 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana



69th murderer executed in U.S. in 1997  
427th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1997  
5th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
75th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900

Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
11-20-97	Lethal Injection	Gary Burris B / M / 23 - 40	12-17-56	Kenneth Chambers B / M / 31	01-29-80	Handgun	None	02-20-81 11-22-91

**Judge / County:** Marion County Superior Court Judge John W. Tranberg  
Marion County Superior Court Judge Judge Patricia J. Gifford (On remand)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** J. Gregory Garrison, John D. Tinder

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b(1) Robbery

### Summary:

Kenneth Chambers was a cab driver in Indianapolis. His nude body was found in an alley near Fall Creek Parkway, face down and stuck to the ground by a pool of his frozen blood. There was a small caliber gunshot wound to the right temple. The cab company log revealed that Burris had called for a cab and was Chambers' last fare. A witness testified that Burris returned to his apartment with Emmett Merriweather and James Thompson with wads of money and a cab driver's run sheet and clipboard. Burris was arrested at the apartment of his girlfriend where a .38 caliber handgun was found. The ISP Lab confirmed it to be the murder weapon.

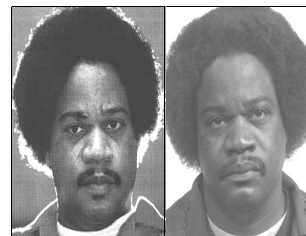
**Final / Special Meal:**

**Final Words:**

## Tommie J. Smith #4

Executed July 18, 1996 by Lethal Injection  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

21st murderer executed in U.S. in 1996  
334th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1996  
4th murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
74th murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
07-18-96	Lethal Injection	Tommie J. Smith B / M / 26 - 42	02-06-54	Jack Ohrberg W / M / 44	12-11-80	Automatic Rifle	None	07-23-81

**Judge / County:** Marion County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey V. Boles  
(Originally venued to Hendricks County; by agreement, returned to Marion, with  
Hendricks Circuit Judge Jeffrey V. Boles presiding - Joint trial with Gregory Resnover)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** J. Gregory Garrison, David E. Cook (Stephen Goldsmith)

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (6) Victim was law enforcement officer

### Summary:

On December 11, 1980 at 5:30 a.m., Indianapolis Police Sergeant Jack Ohrberg and other officers went to 3544 North Oxford in Indianapolis attempting to serve papers on persons believed to be at that location. Ohrberg banged on the door several times and identified himself as a police officer. Two other officers on the front porch were in uniform. After the next door neighbor told officers that there was noise from inside the apartment, Ohrberg crouched and pounded with his shoulder on the door, which began to open. Officers saw furniture blocking the door, and saw 2 or 3 muzzle flashes from two different locations inside. Ohrberg was shot and collapsed on the porch. Officers took cover and saw a man come out onto the porch, point a rifle, and fire at least 2 additional shots into Ohrberg. Officers took cover and returned fire. Shots continued to come from inside the house. After a few minutes, Gregory Resnover came out, threw down an AR-15 rifle and surrendered. Earl Resnover followed, laying down an AR-15 and a pistol. Ohrberg's business card was found in Earl's wallet. Two women then came out, leaving wounded Smith inside. An AR-15 which was recovered next to Smith was found to be the murder weapon. An arsenal of weapons and ammunition was recovered inside the apartment. Accomplice Resnover was also sentenced to death and executed December 8, 1994.

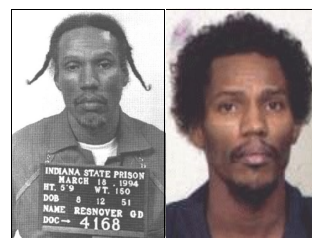
**Final / Special Meal:**

**Final Words:**

## Gregory Resnover #3

Executed December 8, 1994 by Electric Chair  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

30th murderer executed in U.S. in 1994  
256th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1994  
3rd murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
73rd murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
12-08-94	Electric Chair	Gregory Resnover B / M / 29 - 43	08-12-51	Jack Ohrberg W / M / 44	12-11-80	Automatic Rifle	None	07-23-81

**Judge / County:** Marion County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey V. Boles  
(Originally venued to Hendricks County; by agreement, returned to Marion, with  
Hendricks Circuit Judge Jeffrey V. Boles presiding - Joint trial with Tommie Jo Smith)

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** J. Gregory Garrison, David E. Cook (Stephen Goldsmith)

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (6) Victim was law enforcement officer

### Summary:

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### Final / Special Meal:

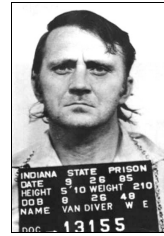
He refused a last meal and shower he was offered.

### Final Words:

## William E. Vandiver #2

Executed October 16, 1985 by Electric Chair  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

17th murderer executed in U.S. in 1985  
49th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1985  
2nd murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
72nd murderer executed in Indiana since 1900



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
10-16-85	Electric Chair	William E. Vandiver W / M / 34 - 37	08-26-48	Paul Komyatti W / M / 62	03-20-83	Stabbing with knife x100	Father-in-Law	01-20-84

**Judge / County:** Lake County Superior Court Judge James E. Letsinger

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Thomas W. Vanes

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (3) Lying in wait; b (4) Hired to kill

### Summary:

Paul Komyatti, Sr. on occasion drank to excess and became loud and violent. He was disliked by members of his immediate family, which included his wife, Rosemary, his son Paul Jr., and his daughter, Mariann. Paul Sr. had demanded that Mariann divorce Vandiver because of his criminal past., and threatened to inform the police on him. Vandiver joined with the family in a conspiracy to kill Paul Sr. Pursuant to their agreement, several attempts to poison him were made without success. Finally, they decided to put him under with ether and inject air into his veins. One evening, Vandiver and Mariann waited outside the home for a signal from Paul Jr. that Paul Sr. was asleep. Upon seeing the signal, they entered the house and changed the plan at the last moment for lack of ether. Instead they entered the bedroom intending to smother Paul Sr., and sprang on him in his bed. Paul Sr. fought hard for his life and yet another attempt at murder was bungled. Vandiver, however, terminated the resistance by stabbing him in the back with a fish filet knife "at least 100 times." 34 deep knife wounds were later discovered on the body. He hit him in the head 5 or 6 times with his gun, but he was still breathing. By Vandiver's own admission, decapitation was the immediate cause of death. Vandiver and the other family members then sectioned up the body while making jokes. Evidence was also presented that Vandiver had gotten a "loan" of \$5000 from Paul Jr., as well as \$1700 and Paul Sr.'s truck from Rosemary. At trial, Vandiver recanted his prior confessions and placed the entire blame on Paul Jr. for the murder and dissection. Vandiver waived all appeals.

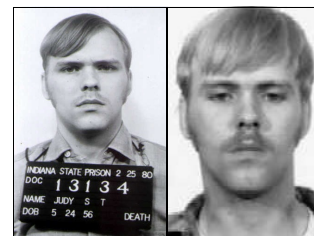
**Final / Special Meal:**

**Final Words:**

## Steven Timothy Judy #1

Executed March 9, 1981 by Electric Chair  
at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

1st murderer executed in U.S. in 1981  
4th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
1st murderer executed in Indiana in 1981  
1st murderer executed in Indiana since 1976  
71st murderer executed in Indiana since 1976



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
03-09-81	Electric Chair	Steven Timothy Judy W / M / 22 - 24	05-24-56	Terry Chasteen W / F / 21 Misty Zollers W / F / 5 Stephen Chasteen W / M / 4 Mark Chasteen W / M / 2	04-28-79	Strangulation with cloth, Drowning,  Drowning,  Drowning	None	02-25-80

**Judge / County:** Morgan County Superior Court Special Judge Jeffrey V. Boles

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** G. Thomas Gray, Stephen A. Oliver

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Rape; b (8) 4 murders

### Summary:

Hunters discovered Terry Chasteen's body in White Lick Creek. A police search of the creek led to the discovery of the bodies of 3 small children, aged 2, 4 and 5. Terry Chasteen was found naked, bound and gagged. She had been raped and died of strangulation, while the children died of asphyxia due to drowning. At trial, Judy presented an insanity defense and testified at length concerning his commission of the rape and murders. Judy stated that he was driving on Interstate 465 in Marion County when he passed Terry Chasteen's car. He testified that he motioned for her to pull over and purported to assist the victims, offering her a ride. Judy then drove the victims to the creek directing the children down the path ahead of Terry and him. Judy testified that he then raped Terry Chasteen and bound her hands and feet and gagged her. When Terry cried out, the children ran back standing around him yelling. He then strangled Terry and threw her body into the creek. He then threw each of the children as far as he could into the water and fled. Judy's version of the was substantially corroborated by the evidence presented by the State. At the death phase of the trial, Judy ordered his attorneys not to present any evidence of mitigating circumstances. Judy stated to the jury in open court at the sentencing hearing that he would advise them to give him the death sentence, because he had no doubt that he would kill again if he had an opportunity, and some of the people he might kill in the future might be members of the jury. He also directed a similar comment to the trial judge.

### Final / Special Meal:

Prime rib, lobster, baked potatoes, salad and dinner rolls.

### Final Words:

"I don't hold no grudges. This is my doing. I'm, sorry it happened."

## Alton Coleman

EXECUTED IN OHIO WHILE ON DEATH ROW IN INDIANA

Executed April 26, 2002 10:13 a.m. by Lethal Injection  
at Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, Lucasville, Ohio



22nd murderer executed in U.S. in 2002

771st murderer executed in U.S. since 1976

2nd murderer executed in Ohio in 2002

4th murderer executed in Ohio since 1976

Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
04-26-02	Lethal Injection	Alton Coleman B / M / 28 - 46	11-06-55	Tonnie Storey B / F / 15 Marlene Walters W / F / 44	07-11-84	Strangled	None	06-24-85
					07-13-84	Beaten		05-06-85

### Summary:

At the time of Coleman's execution, there were approximately 3,700 convicted murderers on death row in the United States. Coleman was the only one with death sentences from 3 different states: Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. These sentences were the culmination of a 1984 midwestern crime spree by Coleman and accomplice Deborah Brown that included up to 8 murders, 7 rapes, 3 kidnappings, and 14 armed robberies.

### Ohio

On July 11, 1984, 15 year old Tonnie Storey left her home in Cincinnati to attend a computer class at a junior high school. Eight days later, her bound and partially decomposed body was discovered in an abandoned building. The cause of death was strangulation. A classmate testified and identified Coleman in the company of a woman talking to the victim on July 11th, when she was last seen alive. A fingerprint from the scene also matched Coleman's. Both Coleman and Brown received death sentences. On appeal, Coleman's death sentence was set aside due to ineffective counsel. Brown's death sentence was commuted in 1991 by Ohio Governor Celeste as he was leaving office.

Coleman and Brown bicycled into Norwood, Ohio, on July 13, 1984. About three hours later, they drove away in Harry Walters' car, leaving Harry Walters unconscious and Marlene Walters dead. Harry Walters survived. He testified that Coleman and Brown inquired about a camping trailer he had been offering for sale. Upon inviting Coleman and Brown into his home, he sat on the couch discussing the trailer title. Coleman picked up a wooden candlestick and, after admiring it, hit Harry Walters on the back of the head, knocking him unconscious. A few hours later, Sheri Walters came home from work and at the bottom of the basement steps, she found her father, barely alive, and her mother, dead. Both had ligatures around their throats and electrical cords tied around their bare feet. Her mother's hands were bound behind her back and her father's hands were handcuffed behind his back. Her mother's head was covered with a bloody sheet.

### Indiana

7 year old Tamika and her 9 year old niece, Annie, were walking back from the candy store to their home when they were confronted by Debra Denise Brown and Coleman. Brown and Coleman convinced them to walk into the woods to play a game. Once there, they removed Tamika's shirt and tore it into small strips which they used to bind and gag the children. When Tamika began to cry, Brown held her nose and mouth while Coleman stomped on her chest. After carrying Tamika a short distance away, Annie was forced to perform oral sex on both Brown and Coleman, then Coleman raped her. Brown and Coleman then choked her until she



was unconscious. When she awoke, they were gone. Tamika was found dead in the bushes nearby, strangled with an elastic strip of bedsheet. The same fabric was later found in the apartment shared by Coleman and Brown. Annie received cuts so deep that her intestines were protruding into her vagina. Evidence of a remarkably similar murder in Ohio was admitted at trial.

**Judge / County:** Lake County Superior Court Judge Richard W. Maroc

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Thomas W. Vanes, Richard Cook

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Child Molesting; b (7) 2 prior murder convictions in Ohio

#### Illinois

Juanita Wheat, the victim's mother, testified that at the time of the offense she resided in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with her daughter, Vernita, and her seven- year-old son, Brandon. At the end of April or beginning of May of 1984, the defendant introduced himself to Juanita as Robert Knight, showed her an identification card bearing that name, and told her he lived two blocks away. Coleman visited often and ate dinner with the family over the next few weeks. On May 29, 1984, Juanita allowed Vernita to accompany Coleman to his apartment "to pick up a stereo system." Three weeks later the strangled body of Vernita Wheat was discovered in the bathroom of an abandoned building in Waukegan, Illinois. A fingerprint from Coleman was taken from the scene.

#### **Final / Special Meal:**

Filet mignon with mushroom gravy, biscuits and gravy, fried chicken, French fries, broccoli with cheese, collard greens, onion rings, corn bread, a salad, sweet potato pie, butter pecan ice cream and cherry cola.

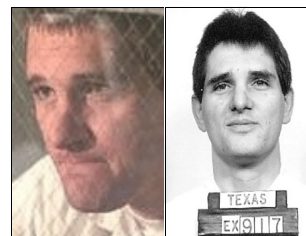
#### **Final Words:**

"The Lord is my shepherd," which he repeated over and over again.

## Michael Lee Lockhart

EXECUTED IN TEXAS WHILE ON DEATH ROW IN INDIANA  
Executed December 9, 1997 by Lethal Injection in Texas

72nd murderer executed in U.S. in 1997  
430th murderer executed in U.S. since 1976  
37th murderer executed in Texas in 1997  
144th murderer executed in Texas since 1976



Date of Execution	Method	Murderer (Race/Sex/Age at Murder-Execution)	Date of Birth	Victim(s) (Race/Sex/Age at Murder)	Date of Murder	Method of Murder	Relationship to Murderer	Date of Sentence
12-09-97	Lethal Injection	Michael Lee Lockhart W / M / 27 - 37	09-30-60	Paul Douglas Hulsey, Jr. (Police Officer)	03-22-88	Handgun	None	10-26-88

### Summary:

Lockhart was convicted for the capital murder of police officer Paul Hulsey Jr. in Beaumont, Texas. Hulsey had followed Lockhart driving a stolen corvette to a local hotel, then followed him into his room. As he was making the arrest, Lockhart punched the officer, grabbed a gun and shot him. According to a statement later given by Lockhart, he then shot him a second time and fled. (During trial, Lockhart bolted and jumped through a third story courthouse window. His escape was unsuccessful.)

Lockhart was also implicated in a series of gruesome offenses during the five months preceding the Texas murder, including the sexual assault, murder and mutilation of 16-year-old Wendy Gallagher in Griffith, Indiana on October 13, 1987, and the sexual assault of Lockhart's former wife in Toledo, Ohio on November 7-8, 1987; and the sexual assault, murder and mutilation of 14-year-old Jennifer Colhouer in Land O' Lakes, Florida on January 20, 1988. Lockhart was convicted of murder and was on death row in Indiana and Florida at the time of his execution in Texas.

### Indiana

The body of 16 year old Windy Gallagher was found by her sister in the bedroom of their home in Griffith, Indiana. She was nude from the waist down with her hands tied behind her back, and her bra pushed up above her breasts. She was stabbed with a large knife 4 times in the neck and 17 times in the abdomen. There was a large pool of blood and her intestines were hanging out. Missing from her room was a photo of Windy and a small purse. Fingerprints in the room were identified as Lockhart's. The day before in Chicago, a woman was robbed of her purse at knifepoint. She identified Lockhart as her attacker. She was fortunate to recover her purse 3 days later. Inside it, she found the small purse belonging to Windy Gallagher. In January 1988, a 14 year old girl was raped and stabbed to death in Florida. Lockhart was identified by witnesses and DNA as the murderer. Because of striking similarities, evidence of this crime was admitted at trial. Lockhart's crime spree ended in Texas, where he murdered a police officer in Beaumont. He was convicted of Capital Murder in Texas in October 1988. This crime and conviction was kept from the jury until the penalty phase of the trial. Following the trial, Lockhart was returned and held on Texas Death Row until his execution on 12-09-97.

**County / Judge:** Lake County Superior Court Judge James E. Letsinger

**Trial Prosecutor(s):** Thomas W. Vanes, Joan Kuoros

**Aggravating Circumstances:** IC 35-50-2-9 b (1) Robbery; b (7) Convicted of another murder in Texas

### Final / Special Meal:

Double-meat cheeseburger, fries and a Coke.

**Final Words:** Just before the lethal drugs were administered, Lockhart looked through a window to five family members of his murder victims and asked for their forgiveness. "I am deeply sorry. It is my hope my death will give you some kind of comfort." Then, he expressed love and thanks to his friends and family. "A lot of people view what is happening here as evil, but I want you to know that I found love and compassion here. The people who work here, I thank them for the kindness they have shown me and I deeply appreciate all that has been done for me by the people who work here. That's all, Warden, I'm ready. I am really at peace."

## INDIANA EXECUTIONS SINCE 1900

<u>Inmate</u>	<u>Sentencing County</u>	<u>Race/Sex/Age At Sentencing</u>	<u>Date of Sentencing</u>	<u>Date of Execution</u>
1. Joseph Keith	Gibson	W/M/40	02/09/1901	11/15/1901
2. John Rinkard	Wabash	W/M/63	05/07/1901	01/17/1902
3. Willis Wheeler	Warrick	W/M/45	10/22/1901	06/06/1902
4. Lewis Russell	Gibson	B/M/48	05/10/1902	09/26/1902
5. Matthew Alexander	Vigo	B/M/28	12/19/1902	04/16/1903
6. William Jackson	Vanderburgh	B/M/45	02/21/1903	06/12/1903
7. Ora Copenhaver	Marion	W/M/26	10/28/1902	06/13/1903
8. Edward Hoover	Marion	W/M/26	06/10/1903	11/13/1903
9. Benjamin Springs	Vigo	B/M/34	03/16/1904	07/01/1904
10. Jerry Duggins	Vigo	W/M/28	03/23/1904	07/08/1904
11. Berkley Smith	Marion	B/M/30	02/04/1905	06/30/1905
12. George Williams	Marion	B/M/28	10/25/1906	02/08/1907
13. John Chirka	Lake	W/M/40	09/22/1913	02/20/1914
14. Harry Rasico	Vigo	W/M/35	09/20/1914	02/20/1914
15. Robert Collier	Vanderburgh	W/M/34	06/18/1914	10/16/1914
16. Kelly Robinson	Marion	B/M/28	05/22/1915	02/01/1916
17. William Ray	Marion	B/M/18	04/27/1920	08/05/1920
18. Will Thornton	Lake	B/M/21	07/30/1920	12/10/1920
19. William Donovan	Montgomery	W/M/35	01/21/1922	06/01/1922
20. Ben Brooks	Bartholomew	W/M/33	01/14/1922	12/01/1922
21. Harry Diamond	Porter	W/M/25	06/07/1923	11/14/1924
22. Peter Vergolini	Lake	W/M/29	10/15/1924	01/30/1925
23. John Koval	Lake	W/M/32	07/02/1925	10/16/1925
24. Edward Stewart	Marion	W/M/25	10/08/1925	01/08/1926
25. Peter Jankowski	Lake	W/M/26	10/13/1925	01/22/1926
26. Henry Smith	Porter	B/M/26	12/10/1925	03/26/1926
27. Roosevelt Hicks	Marion	B/M/23	03/27/1926	07/29/1927
28. John Hall	Elkhart	W/M/20	10/03/1926	04/10/1928
29. James Britt	Lake	B/M/42	12/06/1929	03/21/1930
30. Ignacio Saragova	Laporte	W/M/26	02/23/1931	06/24/1931
31. Herbert Johnson	Lagrange	W/M/33	10/12/1931	02/12/1932
32. Ulysses Mackneezer	Porter	B/M/29	11/18/1929	07/01/1932
33. Charles Witt	Boone	W/M/26	01/28/1932	11/24/1932
34. John Moore	Blackford	W/M/28	11/17/1932	03/02/1933
35. Glen Shustrom	Lake	W/M/23	06/03/1932	02/28/1933
36. Richard Perkins	Hancock	B/M/31	03/19/1932	01/01/1934
37. Harley Edwards	Jackson	W/M/39	03/17/1933	03/02/1934
38. Louis Hamilton	Boone	W/M/27	12/26/1932	09/28/1934
39. Edward Coffin	Clark	W/M/22	06/09/1934	10/09/1934
40. Gaston Slaughter	Vigo	B/M/35	10/01/1934	04/17/1935
41. Olivett Griggs	Lake	B/M/32	03/07/1935	06/14/1935
42. Richard Chapman	Lake	W/M/20	02/04/1935	10/19/1935
43. Clarence Thomas	Whitley	W/M/31	07/06/1936	10/19/1936
44. Harry Singer	Wabash	W/M/25	09/15/1936	12/26/1936
45. Chester Arkuszewski	Laporte	W/M/24	11/18/1936	03/12/1937
46. William Kuhlman	Franklin	W/M/28	02/18/1937	06/10/1937
47. John Poholsky	Franklin	W/M/35	02/24/1937	06/10/1937
48. Frank Williams	Franklin	W/M/39	02/24/1937	06/10/1937

<u>Inmate</u>	<u>Sentencing County</u>	<u>Race/Sex/Age At Sentencing</u>	<u>Date of Sentencing</u>	<u>Date of Execution</u>
49. Raymond Fortune	Huntington	W/M/26	10/18/1936	09/17/1937
50. Willis Fuller	Vigo	W/M/28	10/31/1936	01/14/1938
51. Monroe White	Newton	B/M/32	01/22/1938	05/03/1938
52. Heber Hicks	Franklin	W/M/39	12/21/1936	05/06/1938
53. John Smith	Whitley	W/M/22	02/14/1938	06/01/1938
54. Robert Shaw	Lagrange	W/M/29	03/09/1938	06/28/1938
55. Hugh Marshall	Shelby	W/M/19	04/05/1937	07/08/1938
56. Vurtis Neal	Shelby	W/M/22	04/05/1937	07/08/1938
57. Henry Noelke	Vanderburgh	W/M/32	11/10/1937	09/30/1938
58. Orells Easton	Floyd	W/M/25	08/31/1938	06/03/1939
59. James Swain	Vanderburgh	B/M/18	12/15/1937	06/23/1939
60. Adrian Miller	Allen	W/M/31	05/06/1939	08/16/1939
61. Milton Hawkins	Floyd	W/M/24	12/24/1940	11/14/1941
62. Virginius Carter	Dearborn	W/M/33	10/21/1941	02/10/1942
63. Cleveland Greathouse	Lake	B/M/63	06/23/1945	11/26/1945
64. Frank Quarles	Vanderburgh	B/M/44	02/15/1945	04/02/1946
65. Frank Badgley	Jasper	W/M/49	12/02/1947	02/23/1949
66. Robert Brown	Jasper	W/M/37	12/02/1947	02/23/1949
67. Thomas Kallas	Lake	W/M/58	01/14/1948	03/29/1949
68. Franklin Click	Allen	W/M/30	12/01/1949	12/30/1950
69. Robert Watts	Bartholomew	B/M/27	03/31/1950	01/16/1951
70. Richard Kiefer	Allen	W/M/37	06/19/1959	06/15/1961
71. Steven T. Judy	Morgan	W/M/23	02/25/1980	03/09/1981
72. William Vandiver	Lake	W/M/35	01/20/1984	10/16/1985
73. Gregory Resnover	Marion	B/M/29	07/23/1981	12/08/1994
74. Tommie J. Smith	Marion	B/M/27	07/23/1981	07/18/1996
75. Gary Burris	Marion	B/M/34	11/22/1991	11/20/1997
76. Robert A. Smith	Sullivan	W/M/46	07/12/1996	01/29/1998
77. D.H. Fleenor	Johnson	W/M/33	01/04/1984	12/09/1999
78. Gerald W. Bivins	Boone	W/M/32	06/05/1992	03/14/2001
79. James Lowery	Boone	W/M/35	01/07/1983	06/27/2001
80. Kevin Lee Hough	Allen	W/M/27	06/11/1987	05/02/2003
81. Joseph L. Trueblood	Tippecanoe	W/M/33	08/12/1990	06/13/2003
82. Donald Ray Wallace	Vigo	W/M/25	10/21/1982	03/10/2005
83. Bill J. Benefiel	Vigo	W/M/34	08/12/1990	04/21/2005
84. Gregory Scott Johnson	Madison	W/M21	06/19/1986	05/25/2005
85. Kevin A. Conner	Marion	W/M/23	11/03/1988	07/27/2005
86. Alan L. Matheney	Lake	W/M/39	05/11/1990	09/28/2005
87. Marvin Bieghler	Howard	W/M/35	03/25/1983	01/27/2006
88. David Leon Woods	Boone	W/M/20	03/28/1985	05/04/2007
89. Michael Allen Lambert	Delaware	W/M/21	01/17/1992	06/15/2007
90. Matthew E. Wrinkles	Vanderburgh	W/M/49	06/14/1995	12-11-2009

In addition, James Dalhover was executed on December 13, 1938 under federal authority for the murder of a state policeman during a bank robbery.

Harry Risico (1914) and John Chirka (1914) were the first murderers executed in Indiana by electrocution. Tommie J. Smith (1996) was the first murderer executed in Indiana by lethal injection.

Steven Judy (1981), William Vandiver (1985), and Robert A. Smith (1998) waived all appeals. Gerald Bivins (2001) waived the remainder of his appeals after unsuccessful Direct and PCR appeals.

There were more executions in Indiana in 2005 (5) than in any year since 1938.

The last 15 executions in Indiana have been of white males.

# INDIANA EXECUTIONS SINCE 1900

## MOST ACTIVE COUNTIES

13 Lake  
12 Marion  
08 Vigo  
06 Vanderburgh  
05 Boone  
04 Franklin  
04 Allen  
03 Porter

## EXECUTIONS BY DECADE

1900 - 09 = 12  
1910 - 19 = 04  
1920 - 29 = 12  
1930 - 39 = 32  
1940 - 49 = 07  
1950 - 59 = 02  
1960 - 69 = 01  
1970 - 79 = 00  
1980 - 89 = 02  
1990 - 99 = 05  
2000 - 07 = 13

Most active year = 08 executions in 1938

Most active day = 03 executions on June 10, 1937

## METHOD OF EXECUTION

Prior to 1913, all executions in Indiana were by hanging. From 1913 through 1994, all executions were by electric chair. In 1995, IC 35-38-6-1 was amended by P.L. 294-1995, §1, changing the prescribed method of execution from electrocution to lethal injection:

"(a) The punishment of death shall be inflicted by ~~causing to pass through the body of the convicted person a current of electricity of sufficient intensity to cause death. The application of the current must continue until the person is dead.~~ **intravenous injection of a lethal substance or substances into the convicted person:**

**(1) in a quantity sufficient to cause the death of the convicted person;**

**and**

**(2) until the convicted person is dead. " [IC 35-38-6-1].**

"The lethal injection procedure to be used on Lambert, called Operational Directive ISP 06-26, requires the introduction by intravenous catheter of 5 grams of sodium pentothal (an anesthetic to render the prisoner unconscious), followed by 50 mg of sterile saline, followed by 100 mg of pancuronium bromide (a paralytic agent), followed by 50 mg of sterile saline, followed by 200 mEq of potassium chloride. The final drug stops the heart. This protocol is the same one used by Indiana to execute Mr. Woods last month." *Lambert v. Buss*, \_\_\_ F.3d \_\_\_, 2007 WL 1710939 (7th Cir. June 14, 2007) (Stay / Injunction denied in lawsuit challenging lethal injection method of execution)

Current death penalty procedure is found at IC 35-38-6 and requires that the execution take place inside the walls of the state prison before sunrise. All executions since July 1, 1995 have been by lethal injection.

**AGE** Average age at sentencing = 31 years  
Oldest age at sentencing = 63 years (Rinkard 1902 & Greathouse 1945)  
Youngest age at sentencing = 18 years (Ray 1920 & Swain 1939)

**RACE** White = 66 (73.3%)  
Black = 24 (26.7%)

**GENDER** Male = 90 (100%)  
Female = No women have been executed in Indiana this century.

Shortest time between Death Sentence and execution = 99 days  
(Olivett Griggs was executed on June 14, 1935 after sentencing on March 7, 1935)

Longest time between Death Sentence and execution = 22 years, 308 days  
(Marvin Bieghler was executed on 01/27/2006 after sentencing on 03/25/1983)

Source: Indiana Department of Corrections

## PRE-1900 INDIANA EXECUTIONS

<u>Inmate</u>	<u>Race/Sex/Age</u> <u>At Execution</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Conviction</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Execution</u>	<u>Sentencing</u> <u>County</u>
1. Slaughter	?/M/?	?	Murder	??/??/1814	Knox
2. Chryst, Henry	W/M/?	?	Murder	04/01/1817	Wayne
3. Ouley, James	W/M/?	Wheelwright	Murder	01/01/1818	Crawford
4. Fuller, Amasa	W/M/?	?	Murder	03/31/1820	Dearborn
5. Dahmen, John	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder-Robb	07/26/1821	Floyd
6. Mckinney, Thomas	W/M/?	Counterfeiter	Murder	01/22/1822	Knox
7. Pitts, Hampshire	B/M/?	?	Murder	12/06/1822	Wayne
8. Harvey, John	W/M/50	?	Murder	06/27/1823	Vanderburgh
9. Cox, William	B/M/?	?	Rape	04/09/1824	Knox
10. Hudson, James	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	01/12/1825	Madison
11. Bridge, John	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	06/03/1825	Madison
12. Sawyer, Stephen	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	06/03/1825	Madison
13. Swanson, Edward	W/M/?	?	Murder	05/11/1829	Rush
14. Richardson, John	W/M/?	?	Murder	11/12/1830	Fountain
15. Herring, Kader	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	06/11/1833	Bartholomew
16. Jones, John	W/M/?	?	Murder	06/11/1833	Bartholomew
17. Heller, Isaac	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	04/25/1836	Union
18. Staves, Francis	W/M/?	Laborer	Murder-Robb	??/??/1837	Porter
19. Scott, David	W/M/?	Farm Hand	Murder-Robb	06/15/1838	La Porte
20. Lechner, John	W/M/?	?	Murder	11/03/1840	Noble
21. Thompson, William	W/M/?	?	Murder-Robb	02/12/1841	Putnam
22. Sumner, James	W/M/?	?	Murder	01/07/1841	Jackson
23. Beauchamp, Noah	W/M/?	Farmer	Murder	12/30/1842	Parke
24. Dyas, Henry	W/M/?	?	Murder	07/05/1844	Vigo
25. Fields, James	W/M/?	?	Murder	12/18/1846	Crawford
26. Gross, Ernest	W/M/?	Laborer	Murder-Robb	12/13/1850	Floyd
27. Bennett, John	W/M/?	?	Murder	12/05/1851	Ripley
28. Madden, Benjamin	W/M/?	?	Murder-Robb	05/03/1855	Allen
29. Keefer, George	W/M/?	?	Murder-Robb	05/03/1855	Allen
30. Hubbard, John	W/M/?	?	Murder-Robb	12/13/1855	Wabash
31. Mullinix, Greenbury	W/M/25	Farmer	Murder	12/18/1857	Putnam
32. Harden, Henry	W/M/?	Convict	Murder	06/17/1864	Clark
33. Hendley, John	?/M/?	?	Murder	12/29/1865	Marion
34. Sage, George	?/M/?	?	Murder-Burg	05/25/1866	Jennings
35. White, Milton	W/M/23	Farmer	Murder	11/01/1867	Madison
36. Morgan, Oliver	W/M/26	Blacksmith	Murder-Burg	12/23/1869	Vigo
37. Sawyer, Ben	B/M/?	Steamboat Wkr	Murder	05/26/1871	Vanderburgh
38. Brooks, Jerome	W/M/22	?	Murder-Robb	01/27/1871	Carroll
39. Camp, Thomas	W/M/?	?	Murder	11/22/1872	Gibson
40. Beavers, John	W/M/35	?	Murder-Robb	02/15/1878	Jefferson
41. Achey, John	W/M/?	Gambler	Murder	01/29/1879	Marion
42. Merrick, William	W/M/?	Livery Propr	Poisoning	01/29/1879	Marion
43. Watson, Walter	W/M/27	?	Murder	04/03/1879	Vermillion
44. Guetig, Louis	W/M/29	?	Murder	09/19/1879	Marion
45. Stout, Buck	W/M/21	Farm Hand	Murder-Robb	08/08/1883	Parke
46. McDonald, Samuel	W/M/?	Laborer	Murder-Robb	01/10/1883	Allen
47. Anderson, John	W/M/17	Bootblack	Murder-Robb	01/25/1884	Posey
48. Snyder, Zachary	W/M/21	?	Murder-Robb	01/25/1884	Posey
49. Butler, Charles	W/M/27	?	Murder	01/10/1884	Whitley
50. Coffey, John	W/M/21	?	Murder-Robb	01/16/1885	Montgomery

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51. Wartena, Weibern	W/M/?	Fisherman	Murder-Robb	02/26/1886	Jasper
52. Phillips, Robert	B/M/?	?	Murder	04/08/1886	Marion
53. Henning, John	W/M/55	Tinker	Murder	05/27/1886	Montgomery
54. Archer, Sam	W/M/28	Farmer	Murder	07/09/1886	Martin
55. Bates, Nathaniel	W/M/26	Farm Laborer	Murder	08/26/1886	Wayne
56. Warner, Macy	W/M/25	Convict	Murder	03/09/1888	Clark
57. Grubb, Sylvester	W/M/?	?	Murder	04/19/1889	Knox
58. Stone, James	W/M/?	?	Murder	02/16/1894	Daviess
59. Jones, Harry	B/M/27	Convict	Murder	05/07/1897	Marion

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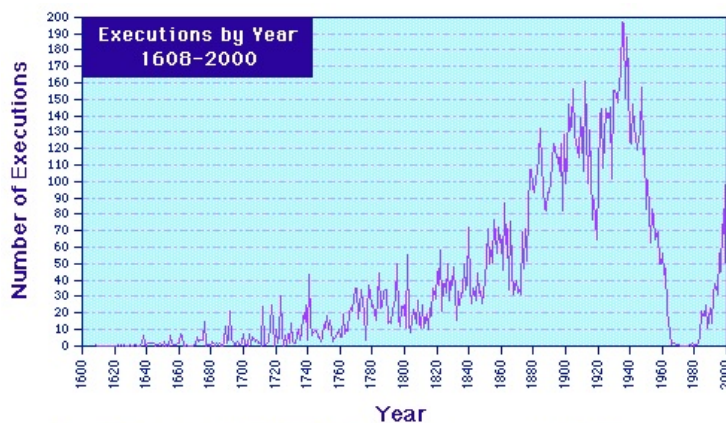
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