

Federal Capital Defendants Authorized by Attorney General Sessions

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1. Defendant: Ashley, Frederick
Docket No.: C.D. CA No. 12
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: W M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 White

a 2010 BOP inmate murder at USP Victorville. All involved are white.

2. Defendant: Owle, Michael
Docket No.: N.D. WV 1:17-CR-00039-IMK-MJA
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: NA M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 Native American

a 2012 stabbing death of a BOP inmate at USP Hazelton who stabbed someone else in a separate incident shortly before. Laurel is Hispanic, Owle and the deceased are Native American.

3. Defendant: Rodriguez-Mendoza, Efrain
Docket No.: S.D. TX No. H-10-459
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: H M
Sex of Vict(s): 2 Males
Race of Vict(s): 2 Hispanic

the deaths of two undocumented immigrants resulting from a conspiracy to transport and harbor undocumented immigrants into the United States. The government alleged that Duran-Gomez, Rodriguez-Mendoza and others engaged in a conspiracy to smuggle undocumented immigrants into the United States, during which they were held in warehouses in Texas until their families paid the smugglers' fees. While being held in a warehouse in Houston, two of the immigrants set fire to the warehouse in an effort to escape. The government alleges that Duran-Gomez, Rodrigues-Mendoza and Bolanos-Garza later beat them to death. Duran-Gomez and Rodriguez-Mendoza were authorized. All involved are Hispanic.

4. Defendant: Laurel, Ruben
Docket No.: N.D. WV 1:17-CR-00039-IMK-MJA
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: H M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 Native American

a 2012 stabbing death of a BOP inmate at USP Hazelton who stabbed someone else in a separate incident shortly before. Laurel is Hispanic, Owle and the deceased are Native American.

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5. Defendant: Skates, Victor Race & Sex of Def.: H M
 Docket No.: N.D. CA No. 5:15-CR-00285-LHK Sex of Vict(s): NONE
 Status: Pending trial Race of Vict(s): 9 Hispanic

twelve RICO gun murders, six in 2009 and six in 2010, by the Salinas Nortenos Enterprise gang. Skates was charged in nine, Chavez in five, Cruz and LeBron in two, the others in one. Only Skates was authorized, while Chavez is still pending. All involved are Hispanic.

6. Defendant: Arnold, Billy Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Docket No.: E.D. MI No. 2:15-CR-20652-GCS- Sex of Vict(s): 2 Males
 DRG Race of Vict(s): 2 Black
 Status: Pending trial

three RICO gun murders, one in 2006, one in 2014, one in 2015, by the Seven Mile Bloods. Arnold is charged in two, the rest in one. Arnold is also charged in nine attempted murders. Only Arnold was authorized. All involved are African-American.

7. Defendant: Mills, Edwin Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Docket No.: E.D. MI No. 2:16-CR-20460-MAG- Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male 1 Female
 RSW Race of Vict(s): 2 Black
 Status: Pending trial

four RICO gun murders in 2015, including a double RICO gun murder, by the 6 Mile Chedda Grove gang. Mills and Wilson, who were authorized, are charged in the double murder, in which the intended target and an innocent bystander, a 13 year old girl, were killed. Two other children, sitting on the hood of the victim's car, were injured but not shot. The other defendants were not authorized and are charged in one murder. All involved are African-American.

8. Defendant: Wilson, Carlo Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Docket No.: E.D. MI No. 2:16-CR-20460-MAG- Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male 1 Female
 RSW Race of Vict(s): 2 Black
 Status: Pending trial

four RICO gun murders in 2015, including a double RICO gun murder, by the 6 Mile Chedda Grove gang. Mills and Wilson, who were authorized, are charged in the double murder, in which the intended target and an innocent bystander, a 13 year old girl, were killed. Two other children, sitting on the hood of the victim's car, were injured but not shot. The other defendants were not authorized and are charged in one murder. All involved are African-American.

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<p>9. Defendant: Jordan, Anthony Docket No.: E.D. MO No. 4:15-CR-00404-HEA-NAB Status: Pending trial</p>	<p>Race & Sex of Def.: B M Sex of Vict(s): 10 Males 1 Female Race of Vict(s): 11 Black</p>
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twelve drug-related gun murders, three in 2008, two in 2010, four in 2013, including a double murder, two in 2014 and one in 2015. Jordan is charged in eleven, Ward in four, Terry, Woodson, Thompson and Washington in three, Lemons in two and Sims, Furnace and Williams in one. Only Jordan was authorized. All involved are African-American.

<p>10. Defendant: Madison, Jarvis Wayne Docket No.: M.D. FL No. 6:17-CR-00015-RBD-KRS Status: Incompetent after authorization</p>	<p>Race & Sex of Def.: W M Sex of Vict(s): 1 Female Race of Vict(s): 1 White</p>
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interstate kidnapping and murder of a 44 year old spouse. There is a history of domestic violence. The wife, who had fled Indiana, disappeared while jogging in Ormond Beach, Florida. All involved are white. Madison was found incompetent.

<p>11. Defendant: Pedro-Vidal, Juan R. Docket No.: D. PR No. 3:16-CR-00778-GAG Status: Pending trial</p>	<p>Race & Sex of Def.: H M Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male Race of Vict(s): 1 Hispanic</p>
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a 2016 carjacking, kidnapping, gun murder. All involved are Hispanic.

<p>12. Defendant: Cleveland, Kirby Docket No.: D. NM No. 1:17-CR-00965-MCA Status: Authorization withdrawn</p>	<p>Race & Sex of Def.: NA M Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male Race of Vict(s): 1 Native American</p>
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a 2017 gun murder of a Navajo Nation police officer responding to a police call. All involved are Native American. Acting Attorney General Whitaker approved the withdrawal of the notice of intent to seek the death penalty.

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13. Defendant: Smith, John Pearl
 Docket No.: D. AK No. 3:16-CR-00086-SLG-DMS
 Status: Pending trial
 Race & Sex of Def.: W M
 Sex of Vict(s): 2 Males
 Race of Vict(s): 2 White

a 2016 double gun murder. Smith allegedly committed three separate drug-related robberies. The last resulted in the shooting deaths of two individuals. A third person was wounded. All involved are white.

14. Defendant: Hardison, Brandon Durrell
 Docket No.: M.D. TN No. 3:17-CR-00124
 Status: Authorization withdrawn
 Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male 1 Female
 Race of Vict(s): 1 Black 1 White

four RICO gun murders by the Gangster Disciples gang, three in 2012, including a cross-racial double murder, and one in 2007. Hardison is charged in a double murder which included a witness. Burks and Whitlock are charged in one separate homicide apiece. All involved are African-American, except there is a white female victim in the double homicide.

15. Defendant: Christensen, Brendt A.
 Docket No.: C.D. IL No. 2:17-CR-20037-CSB-EIL
 Status: Life sentence from jury
 Race & Sex of Def.: W M
 Sex of Vict(s): 1 Female
 Race of Vict(s): 1 Asian

a 2017 kidnapping, disappearance and alleged murder of a young female visiting Chinese scholar by a white graduate student in physics. She was last seen on videotape entering his car. Her body has never been recovered.

16. Defendant: Brown, Ronald Donell
 Docket No.: S.D. TX No. 4:17-CR-00567
 Status: Pending trial
 Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
 Race of Vict(s): 1 Black

a 2014 drug-related gun murder for hire. All involved are African-American.

17. Defendant: Council, Brandon Michael
 Docket No.: D. SC No. 4:17-CR-00866-CRI
 Status: Death Sentence -- Death row - Appeal
 Race & Sex of Def.: B M
 Sex of Vict(s): 2 Females
 Race of Vict(s): 2 White

a 2017 cross-racial double murder during a bank robbery. The defendant is black. The victims are white.

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18. Defendant: Saipov, Sayfullo Habibullaevic
Docket No.: S.D. NY No. 1:17-CR-00722-VSB
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: ME M
Sex of Vict(s): 7 Males 1 Female
Race of Vict(s): 8 White

a self-proclaimed terrorist, member of ISIS, drove a van down a walk-way/bike lane in lower Manhattan, killing eight. He was shot and wounded at the scene. The defendant was from Uzbekistan. The victims were white.

19. Defendant: George, LilBear
Docket No.: E.D. LA No. 2:17CR-00201-LMA-DEK
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: B M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 Hispanic

a 2013 New Orleans gun murder of an armored truck driver at a bank. Ofomata is charged in state court with a separate 2008 double murder. The victim is Hispanic, the defendants are African-American.

20. Defendant: Johnson, Curtis Jr.
Docket No.: E.D. LA No. 2:17CR-00201-LMA-DEK
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: B M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 Hispanic

a 2013 New Orleans gun murder of an armored truck driver at a bank. Ofomata is charged in state court with a separate 2008 double murder. The victim is Hispanic, the defendants are African-American.

21. Defendant: Ofomata, Chukwudi
Docket No.: E.D. LA No. 2:17CR-00201-LMA-DEK
Status: Pending trial

Race & Sex of Def.: B M
Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Race of Vict(s): 1 Hispanic

a 2013 New Orleans gun murder of an armored truck driver at a bank. Ofomata is charged in state court with a separate 2008 double murder. The victim is Hispanic, the defendants are African-American.

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22. Defendant: Fackrell, Ricky Allen	Race & Sex of Def.: W M
Docket No.: E.D. TX No. 2016	Sex of Vict(s): 1 Male
Status: Pending Trial	Race of Vict(s): 1 White

a second USP Beaumont inmate murder by Fackrell. After being charged with the murder of inmate Johns, Fackrell was in the special housing unit where he and co-defendant Erik Rekonen were placed in a recreation cage with a suspected sex offender (who apparently was not). Fackrell and Rekonen allegedly choked and beat inmate Ronald Earl Griffith, who died a few days later at the hospital. All involved are white. Authorization was granted by Attorney General Sessions for this second murder on March 30, 2018, days before his first trial, for which he received a death sentence.