

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Cooper, Alex | N.D. IL No. 89-CR-580

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Thornburg

Race & gender of def | B | M | Victim R | BM | Date of DP notice 5/10/1990

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Davis, Darnell Anthony | N.D. IL No. 89-CR-580

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Pitera, Thomas | E.D. NY CR No. 90-0424 (RR)

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Barr

Race & gender of def | W | M | Victim R | WF WM HM | Date of DP notice 2/8/1991

a white Mafia contract killer, the first person with mob connections to face the federal death penalty, received a life sentence from a Brooklyn, New York jury after being convicted of seven murders, two of which qualified as capital crimes under 21 U.S.C. § 848(e). Several of the murders involved torture and dismemberment of the victims. 5 F.3d 624 (2d Cir. 1993).

Villarreal, Reynaldo Sambrano | E.D. TX No. 9:91-CR4

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Barr

Race & gender of def | H | M | Victim R | WM | Date of DP notice 4/23/1991

a cross-racial law enforcement officer victim. Two Hispanic men were sentenced to life imprisonment and 40 years, respectively, for the marijuana-related murder of a white law enforcement officer after a joint trial. The sentencing jury found no facts legally warranting the death penalty. 963 F.2d 725 (5th Cir.) (1992). A third Hispanic defendant, Jesus Zambrano, was also initially approved for capital prosecution but received a sentence of 30 years after he testified for the government against the Villarreal brothers.

Villarreal, Baldemar | E.D. TX No. 9:91-CR4

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Hutching, James Norwood | E.D. OK CR No. 1:92-032-S

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Barr

Race & gender of def  W  M Victim R WM | Date of DP notice 9/11/1992

two white and one Hispanic defendants were tried jointly in connection with the drug- related intrastate kidnap/murder of a Muskogee, Oklahoma auto dealership employee. The two capitally-charged "managers" of the drug enterprise received life sentences from the jury. A wheelman, present on the scene, was sentenced to death, but that sentence was overturned on appeal. The victim was white.

Molina, Ramon Medina | E.D. OK CR No. 1:92-032-S

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Henry, Arnold Mark | E.D. VA No. 93-CR-131

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R BF BM | Date of DP notice 11/22/1993

three blacks, two brothers born in Haiti, another man born in Grenada, were accused of two killings of an African-American man and a woman in related incidents where the victims were suspected of stealing crack cocaine. A Norfolk, Virginia jury refused, in March, 1994, to impose the death penalty upon any of the three capitally-charged defendants. Attorney General Reno authorized a capital prosecution in this case in 1993. Arnold Mark Henry is intellectually disabled. Life sentences were affirmed on appeal. 82 F.3d 419 (4th Cir. 1996) (unpub.).

Moore, Todd | E.D. VA No. 2:93CR162

Life sentence from judge | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R BM | Date of DP notice 3/9/1994

a black New York-based crack cocaine distributor was spared in the first judge-sentencing procedure. Attorney General Reno approved the death penalty in this case in 1994. Moore pled guilty to an indictment charging him with having ordered the murder of a member of his Newport News, Virginia drug organization. The government waived a jury for sentencing, and a sentencing hearing was held before the district court. One month later, the district judge declined to impose the death penalty, and sentenced Moore to life without possibility of release. The sentence was affirmed on appeal, 81 F.3d 152 (4th Cir. 1996) (mem.). At the trial of the admitted triggerman in the murder, Derek Kelley, Moore offered to testify. However, the government declined to use Moore's testimony, and Kelley was subsequently acquitted of all charges and released.

Oscar, Frantz | E.D. VA No. 93-CR-131

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R BF BM | Date of DP notice 11/22/1993

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Diaz, Walter | N.D. NY No. 94-CR-328

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R WF | Date of DP notice 5/31/1995

two African-Americans on a drug-related crime spree were approved for capital prosecution by Attorney General Reno in April 1995. The spree involved the drug-related murder of a white victim by two African-American defendants. Two additional cross-racial homicides were alleged in aggravation, one during the course of a robbery in New York City, another of an elderly lawyer in upstate New York. Trial began in 1995 and sentences of life were returned after a vote of 11 to 1 for life for Diaz and 11 to 1 for death for Walker.

Moore, Dennis B., Sr. | W.D. MO CR No. 94-00194

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  W  M Victim R WM | Date of DP notice 8/22/1995

recruited his associate (Wyrick) to kill a rival drug marijuana dealer. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. Both the defendants and the deceased are Caucasian. In 1996, the jury deadlocked on the punishment for Moore, resulting in a life sentence.

Nguyen, Phouc H. | D. KS CR No. 94-10129-01

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  A  M Victim R AF | Date of DP notice 6/2/1995

the co-defendant of Bountaem Chanthadara was also involved in a Hobbs Act robbery/murder. A Wichita, Kansas jury voted to sentence the defendant to life imprisonment in 1996, following his conviction for a murder committed during a commercial robbery. Mr. Chanthadara was previously sentenced to death by a different Wichita jury.

Walker, Tyrone | N.D. NY No. 94-CR-328

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Nichols, Terry Lynn

D. CO No. 96-CR-68-M

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  W  M Victim R  WF +

Date of DP notice 10/20/1995

the co-defendant in the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing case. At a separate trial following McVeigh's, a Denver federal jury failed to reach a unanimous finding on Nichols' alleged intent to kill, a legal requirement for imposing the death penalty. The same jury's guilt phase verdicts indicated that the government had failed to prove that Nichols intended a lethal attack on the Murray Building. He was sentenced in 1998 to life imprisonment and faces the death penalty in state court. He remains at ADX Florence.

Beckford, Dean Anthony

E.D. VA No. 3:95CR00087

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R  BM

Date of DP notice 10/1/1996

another New York - Richmond cocaine connection was uncovered which involved members of a Brooklyn gang, all African-American, who transported crack cocaine to Richmond, Virginia. The 32-count indictment charged five of the alleged members of the so-called "Poison Clan" with capital murder in six killings, two in 1988 and four in 1994. (Devon Dale Beckford, 33, brother of Dean Beckford, identified by the FBI as a gang leader was not arrested until July, 1997.) After a seven-week trial, a jury declined to impose the death penalty on all four defendants: Dean Beckford, 32, Leonel Romeo Cazaco, 22, Claude Gerald Dennis, 28 and Richard Thomas, 22. Dean Beckford and Claude Dennis were found guilty of the 1998 double murder. (Dennis had previously been acquitted on these charges in state court in 1989.) Cazaco and Thomas were also convicted of a capitol charge. Thomas had been acquitted in state court on the one homicide count on which he was convicted in federal court.

Cazaco, Leonel

E.D. VA No. 3:95CR00087

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Dennis, Claude

E.D. VA No. 3:95CR00087

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Hammer, David Paul

D. AZ and M.D. PA No. 4-96-CR-239

Pending authorization and Life Sentence from Judge

Name of AG Lynch and Reno

Race & gender of def

W  M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 4/9/1997

a strangulation murder of a federal prison inmate by his cellmate. The defendant and the victim are white. Hammer was serving a 1200+ year Oklahoma state sentence at the time of the homicide, but had been incarcerated in the federal penitentiary at Allenwood, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hammer abandoned his direct appeal. 226 F.3d 229 (3d Cir. 2000). An execution date was set for November 15, 2000, but was vacated when Mr. Hammer decided (and was allowed) to file a post-conviction action. Penalty phase relief was granted in December 2005, and upheld on appeal. 404 F.Supp.2d 676 (MD PA 2005). A life sentence was imposed at his resentencing bench trial.

Ingle, Trinity Edward

W.D. AR No. 6:96CR60022

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

W  M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 1/23/1997

two white teenagers charged with the robbery-murder of an elderly retired National Parks employee who was found shot and bound with tape near a hiking path in Hot Springs National Park (USPS), federal land within the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Ingle was convicted of the murder in 1997 after a 6-day trial; two days later a Hot Springs federal jury unanimously sentenced him to life imprisonment. Paul was sentenced to death following a separate, eight-day trial. All involved are white.

Jones, Anthony

D. MD CR No. WMN-96-0458

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 3/20/1997

involves five killings: one in '94, three in '96, one in '97. Authorization was granted to seek the death penalty for three murders, including an allegation that Jones ordered his step-brother killed from jail because he feared he was about to become a government witness. Jones also ordered the murder, by the victim's own bodyguards, of a rival Baltimore drug dealer who had earlier attempted to arrange the murder of Mr. Jones. Numerous other homicides, attributed to Jones, were alleged in aggravation. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. Jones was convicted in 1998, sentenced to life without release. Eight co-conspirators were involved in the murders but did not face the death penalty. Chapman, Hill and Ross were charged in at least 2 killings. Jones was sent to the "Control Unit" at "super-max," ADX in Florence, Colorado, where he is under severe communication restrictions for 10 years.

Ray, Quan

N.D. IL No. 96 CR 379

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 10/1/1996

a "Gangster Disciple" enforcer. In 1997, a Chicago jury declined to impose the death penalty after convicting Mr. Ray of having murdered a fellow gang drug trafficker on orders of a Gangsters Disciples' higher-up, Darryl Johnson. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. The jury found that no statutory aggravating factor had been established beyond a reasonable doubt, rejecting the government's allegation that the murder had been committed "after substantial planning and premeditation." Johnson was sentenced to death for the same and one additional murder.

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Thomas, Richard

E.D. VA No. 3:95CR00087

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BM

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Bobbitt, LaFawn

E.D. VA No. 97 CR 129

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BF

Date of DP notice 9/22/1997

two defendants were charged with the fatal shooting of an bank teller during an attempted robbery of a Nationsbank branch in Richmond, Virginia. Both defendants and the victim are African-American. A security guard was shot and blinded during the robbery, but survived. Trial began in 1998. The jury opted against the death penalty for both defendants.

Jones, Rashi

E.D. VA No. 97 CR 129

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BF

Date of DP notice 9/22/1997

two defendants were charged with the fatal shooting of a female bank teller during an attempted robbery of a Nationsbank branch in Richmond, Virginia. Both defendants and the victim are African-American. A security guard was shot and blinded during the robbery, but survived. Trial began in 1998. The jury opted against the death penalty for both defendants.

Gonzales-Lauzan, Luis

S.D. FL No. 02-CR-20572

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H

M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 6/19/2003

a murder-for-hire/informant killing case. Gonzales-Lauzan was convicted of the murder of a government witness in a federal firearms case against his father. 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(j), 1111, 1512 and 1513. He provided a gun and a silencer and waited in another car nearby. Wiggins, the triggerman, shot the victim at his home in order to work off a drug debt to Gonzales-Lauzan. Hernandez is charged with having helped set up the shooting. Wiggins entered into a plea agreement to testify against Gonzales-Lauzan, who was the only one to face the death penalty. The jury unanimously voted for a life sentence. All involved are Cuban-Americans.

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Johnson, Shaheem

E.D. VA CR No. 97-00314-A

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 2/12/1998

five killings of African-Americans, four males, one female, all cocaine-related murders, two in Virginia (a supplier/witness and his girlfriend with Raheem Johnson as the triggerman), one in Maryland (drug supplier with both Raheem and Shaheem firing weapons), one in Philadelphia (supplier/witness with Raheem Johnson as the triggerman) and another "murder for hire" in New York (drug supplier hit ordered by both Shaheem and Raheem Johnson). The two lead defendants, brothers Shaheem and Raheem Johnson, were authorized for a capital prosecution. Trial began in Alexandria in November, 1998 and ended in life verdicts for both brothers.

Johnson, Raheem

E.D. VA CR No. 97-00314-A

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 2/12/1998

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Kehoe, Chevy

E.D. AR No. LR-CR-97-243

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WF WM

Date of DP notice 3/20/1998

the murder of a family of three (an Arkansas gun dealer, his wife and their 8 year old child) in the Fall of 1996 by white supremacists. Chevie Kehoe faced sentencing before the jury first and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Co-defendant Lee followed and was sentenced to death.

O'Driscoll, Michael

M.D. PA No. 4-CR-01-277

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 10/9/2001

the stabbing and killing of an inmate at USP Allenwood in 1997. There were half a dozen correctional officers who witnessed the end of the stabbing. Both the defendant and victim are white.

Dhinsa, Gurmeet Singh

E.D. NY CR No. 97-672 (S-3) (ERK)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

I M

Victim R OM

Date of DP notice 9/25/1998

RICO murders and a murder for hire. A wealthy Indian businessman led a racketeering enterprise which killed two. Murder for hire was an aggravating circumstance.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Lightfoot, Xavier Lamar

W.D. MO No. 00 CR 395

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def B M Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 1/8/1999

a cross-racial murder of a federal witness. Co-defendant Peoples, 24, conspired with Lightfoot to prevent the victim from testifying at Lightfoot's federal trial on charges of bank robbery. The victim, 33, was Lightfoot's roommate and was found dead of gunshot wounds in their rental home in Kansas City. Peoples acted as a go-between (along with co-defendant Barfield) with the professional hit man (Haskell) who committed the murder which Lightfoot arranged from federal prison. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. All defendants are black. The victim is white. After Lightfoot was sentenced to life in prison, the government withdrew its request for the death penalty for Peoples. The Eighth Circuit reversed the convictions and the government again sought the death penalty. 250 F.3d 360 (2001). A "double jeopardy" appeal was rejected. 360 F.2d 892 (8th Cir. 2004).

Hargrove, Demetrius R.

D. KS No. 2:03-CR-20192-CM-DJW

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def B M Victim R WF WM BM

Date of DP notice 7/30/2004

three murders by an African-American federal prisoner already serving a 35 year sentence for kidnapping and use of a firearm, at the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth. One of the victims was a potential federal witness. Prosecutors claim Hargrove killed two Leavenworth residents Elmer Berg and Misty Castor, a brother and a sister, in February of 1998 during a drug trafficking crime. They say he also murdered an informant, Tyrone Richards, also of Leavenworth, in June 1998 to prevent him from testifying at a federal trial. Berg and Castor were white, Richards and Hargrove black.

Al-'Owhali, Mohamed Rashed Daoud

S.D. NY No. S6 98 CR 1023

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def AR M Victim R WF +

Date of DP notice 6/26/2000

accomplice of Osama bin Laden, the organizer of two terrorist bombings of American embassies in Africa. The 1998 bombings in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people (11 in Tanzania), including 12 Americans, and more than 5,000 people injured. Al-'Owhali was a 21 year old Saudi citizen who was arrested in Nairobi after the Kenya bombing. He is a member of al-Qaida, an international terrorist organization, led by bin Laden, a Saudi millionaire, who issued various "fatwabs" against the United States. Bin Laden was killed in a 2011 military raid in Pakistan. Al-'Owhali was ordered to create a diversion for the Kenya bomb by throwing grenades. Mohamed rented the house where the Tanzania bomb was made. The 12 dead Americans included 4 blacks, 4 whites and 1 Asian. The other victims were mostly black Africans.

Finley, James A.

W.D. NC No. 4:98CR243

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def W M Victim R WF WM

Date of DP notice 12/4/1998

the murder of two campers at a national park by a young man with a history of drug abuse but no violence. The crime may have been a robbery/murder. All parties are white. Mitigation involved Finley's drug abuse and depression. The defendant was sentenced to life after an April 1999 trial.

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Gilbert, Kristin D. MA CR No. 98-30044-MAP

Life sentence from jury Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  W  F **Victim R** WM **Date of DP notice** 5/14/1999

the killing of four patients at a Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital, on federal property, and the attempted killing of three others. Ms. Gilbert, 31, used epinephrine, a drug that can overstimulate the heart, on her patients. Federal prosecutors said Gilbert murdered one patient, a 41-year-old invalid, after asking a supervisor if she could "leave early if he died." All involved are Caucasian. The jury deadlocked and Gilbert was sentenced to life in prison.

Tello, Plutarco W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-W-2

Life sentence from jury Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M **Victim R** HM **Date of DP notice** 5/19/1999

four Colombians charged in a drug related murder. The alleged ringleader, Hinestroza, was a fugitive who was eventually arrested and received a life sentence at a separate trial. Hinestroza and his gang sold cocaine in the Kansas City area. The victim and his nephew (who sold cocaine for the gang) stole \$240,000 from them. The defendants tied up, interrogated, duck taped and shot both victims. The nephew lived, escaped and identified the defendants. Sinisterra shot and killed one victim. Ortiz or Tello shot the surviving victim. Sinisterra and Ortiz were sentenced to death. The jury deadlocked on punishment for Tello, and he was sentenced to life in prison.

Hinestroza, Edwin R. W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-W-2

Life sentence from jury Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  H  M **Victim R** HM **Date of DP notice** 5/4/2005

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Bass, John E.D. MI CR No. 97-80235

Life sentence from jury Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M **Victim R** BM **Date of DP notice** 2/17/2001

eleven death eligible defendants who were charged in a four victim (continuing criminal enterprise) Detroit drug/murder case under 21 U.S.C. §848(a)(1)(A). Of the eleven, only Bass was chosen to face a federal capital prosecution. All involved are African-American. A pretrial appeal involved the issue of discovery of Department of Justice charging practices in capital cases. In a per curiam opinion, the United States Supreme Court reversed the order granting discovery. United States v. Bass, 122 S.Ct. 2389 (2002). John Bass and his brother Patrick allegedly started a drug gang called the "Dog Pound" (because members owned many pit bulls), which sold crack in Michigan and Ohio. John Bass is charged with arranging two murders - of his brother and a rival.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Edelin, Tommy | D. DC CR No. 98-264

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def B M | Victim R BM | Date of DP notice 6/30/2000

a drug conspiracy, racketeering, murder CCE prosecution. Tommy Edelin faced the death penalty alone among many capital eligible defendants, including his father. Edelin, 30, was charged with ordering 14 murders and attempting to have another dozen killed during the 1990's, in his role as the so-called "drug kingpin" of the "1-5 Mob". Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. The gang was charged with the shooting of a D.C. police officer and in another incident in which three people were shot while attending a crowded neighborhood picnic. One victim was shot several times while returning from a prom with his girlfriend. Two teenagers were targeted by mistake on their way to a church Christmas Party. Edelin was acquitted of this double killing by co-defendant Bostick. Much of the violence stemmed from a turf battle with members of the "Stanton Terrace Crew," which is now essentially out of business after numerous members were killed or convicted of first-degree murder. Edelin was convicted of four murders, including paying a hit man to kill a 19 year old who allegedly robbed an associate. 11 jurors deliberated 3 hours before voting for a life sentence. The capital charge was a conviction of murder for hire of a 14 year old who allegedly robbed an associate of Tommy Edelin. Edelin was born as a result of a brief sexual encounter to a convicted drug addict. He had an abusive, deprived, depraved childhood in a crime infested neighborhood. This was the first death penalty trial in the District of Columbia since the last execution in 1957. D.C. voters rejected the death penalty in 1992.

Haynes, Willis | D. MD CR No. PJM-98- 0520

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def B M | Victim R BF | Date of DP notice 10/22/1999

the January 1996 triple intrastate kidnapping/murder of three black females from D.C. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (USFW), federal property. Haynes has confessed three time, blaming Higgs the first two. A third defendant, Victor Gloria, also confessed and is considered an accessory after the fact. The government sought the death penalty for both Haynes and Higgs. They were involved in another shooting six weeks before. Haynes was sentenced to life, Higgs to death, at separate trials. All involved are African-American.

Martinez, Mariano | C.D. CA CR No. 99-83-(A)-DT

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def H M | Victim R HM | Date of DP notice 7/19/1999

involves defendants in one of three related Mexican Mafia prosecutions. "Chuy" Martinez, 41, is a defendant in one indictment, and the target of a murder plot in another. There are a total of four murders and 13 conspiracies to commit murder charged. Three men, one a drug dealer and two innocent bystanders, were killed in a Monticello autobody shop. Martinez, head of a drug organization orchestrated the killing using a walkie-talkie. Max Torvisco, once Martinez's right hand man, obtained a plea agreement. He admitted ordering 140 murders and planning to kill Martinez who had survived a 1997 assassination attempt. Wiretaps show Martinez ordering hits on numerous targets.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Shakir, Jamal

M.D. TN CR No. 3:98-00038 (NIXON)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 10/29/2002

a gang called the "Rollin" 90s Crips or Bangside 90s faction out of Los Angeles which allegedly moved 150 kilos of crack to Las Vegas. From there sales operations were allegedly set up in Oklahoma City and Nashville. The government called the gang the "Shakir Enterprise." A Crips gang member and his wife were killed in Oklahoma City, and their 3 year old daughter, who was also shot, stayed with her dead parents and slept with them at night for several days. Richard Chambers, 59, was shot to death in Cheatham County, Tennessee. There may have been up to 13 killings in three states. Three victims were themselves charged with murder in the indictment. The indictment charged Shakir, 25, with six killings from 1995-97, Payne, 20, with participating in two killings and in the shooting of the gang associate's 3-year-old-girl, and Young, 24, with helping kill one person and assaulting and torturing two others. Four of the killings were said to be to silence potential witnesses, other slayings were allegedly motivated by revenge. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. Payne was found to be incompetent to stand trial.

Lyon, Billy Joe

W.D. KY No. 4:99-CR-11-M

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 8/23/1999

contract killing of men in Alabama and Kentucky. Lyon, 19, and co-defendant Charles Stewart, 54, were charged with conspiracy and murder for hire. Stewart and Richard Dorman, 62, were partners in an 18-month forged-check and fraud scheme, using the deceased's identity. Lyon and his deceased father, Stewart's nephew, were hired to murder James Norris in Kentucky. Norris was found under a bale of hay beaten to death in a barn behind his home. Lyon was also hired to kill James Nichols in Alabama, whose body was discovered in 1999 in a partially submerged van. Nichols' 85 year old mother was also in the van, but survived. Co-conspirator Dorman was kidnapped (interstate) and locked into the trunk of a car that was then run into the Green River in Henderson County. He survived to be charged as part of the conspiracy. The elder Lyon committed suicide to avoid apprehension. Stewart was arrested in the Spring of 2000 after appearing on "America's Most Wanted." Lyon faced the death penalty but was sentenced to life in prison after his jury was instructed that Stewart would not because the Attorney General took too long to file a notice of intent to seek the death penalty. A third fraud victim is missing and presumed dead. Lyon committed an unrelated fourth murder. All involved are white.

Tatum, Kenneth A.

E.D. TX No. 2:99 CR 5

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WF WM

Date of DP notice 10/22/1999

three young black defendants, who were members of the "Crips" gang, were involved in a series of robberies and killings in East Texas. Stephens, 21, Smith, 20, and Tatum, 20, faced the death penalty in both state and federal court for a botched bank robbery. They were accused of a bank robbery and fatally shooting teller Betty Paddle, 61. A 54 year old bank manager, was also shot, but survived. They are also charged with an intrastate kidnapping/robbery of a used car dealership (a Hobbs Act count) in which the victim was killed with a gun (a 924(j) count). The victim was a 63 year old retired minister. Tatum is also charged in a 1998 slaying of Ronnie Dale Ritch, president of the First State Bank in Overton. Stephens and Tatum abducted Ritch, 50. Stephens had a brain tumor and died after surgery. The USA requested permission to seek the death penalty against all three, and was permitted to do so. All three deceased victims were white.

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Smith, Daymon

E.D. TX No. 2:99 CR 5

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WF

Date of DP notice 10/22/1999

three young black defendants, who were members of the "Crips" gang, were involved in a series of robberies and killings in East Texas. Stephens, 21, Smith, 20, and Tatum, 20, faced the death penalty in both state and federal court for a botched bank robbery. They were accused of a bank robbery and fatally shooting teller Betty Paddle, 61. A 54 year old bank manager, was also shot, but survived. They are also charged with an intrastate kidnapping/robbery of a used car dealership (a Hobbs Act count) in which the victim was killed with a gun (a 924(j) count). The victim was a 63 year old retired minister. Tatum is also charged in a 1998 slaying of Ronnie Dale Ritch, president of the First State Bank in Overton. Stephens and Tatum abducted Ritch, 50. Stephens had a brain tumor and died after surgery. The USA requested permission to seek the death penalty against all three, and was permitted to do so. All three deceased victims were white.

Garrett, Lemond

S.D. GA CR No. 4-99-133

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 1/14/2000

two young death eligible defendants, ages 18 and 20, involved in a drug conspiracy, in which a long time federal informant was killed. Both defendants and the victim are African-American. The United States Attorney requested and received permission to seek the death penalty against Lemond. Savannah police arrested Lemond Garrett in March of 1999 for the shooting death of Joseph Smart, Sr., 52. DeLoach, the get-a-way driver, was convicted for killing his cousin outside a sports bar in December 1998, and sentenced to life in prison in state court. Joe Perry Garrett was not arrested until shortly before trial. He ordered the killing of the DEA informant who was wearing a bullet-proof vest when he was shot. The bullet pierced his side in an unprotected area. The government failed to meet the Court's deadline as to Joe Perry and he did not face the death penalty.

Mohamed, Khalfan Khamis

S.D. NY No. S6 98 CR 1023

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

AR M

Victim R WF + mixed

Date of DP notice 6/26/2000

accomplice of Osama bin Ladin, the organizer of two terrorist bombings of American embassies in Africa. The 1998 bombings in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people (11 in Tanzania), including 12 Americans, and more than 5,000 people injured. He is a member of al-Qaida, an international terrorist organization, led by bin Laden, a Saudi millionaire, who issued various "fatwahs" against the United States. Bin Laden was killed in a 2011 military raid in Pakistan. Al-'Owhali was ordered to create a diversion for the Kenya bomb by throwing grenades. Mohamed rented the house where the Tanzania bomb was made. The 12 dead Americans included 4 blacks, 4 whites and 1 Asian. The other victims were mostly black Africans. He remains at ADX Florence.

Wills, Christopher Andaryl

E.D. VA CR No. 99-00396

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R OM

Date of DP notice 12/28/1999

a witness-elimination in Alexandria, Virginia. Wills, 33, an African American, lured the victim from suburban Virginia to Washington, D.C. by means of a phony job advertisement. The victim disappeared and is presumed to have been murdered. The Afghan national victim had recently testified against Wills at a preliminary hearing on state burglary charges. Wills was permitted to represent himself. He filed a motion to dismiss and the Court ruled that Wills cannot be charged with the capital crime of interstate kidnapping leading to death because his victim crossed state lines voluntarily and alone. The 4th Circuit reversed. 2000 WL 1781402. The jury deadlocked and Wills was sentenced to life in prison. Wills, who has 5 other felony convictions, is also serving 14 years for an unrelated Baltimore carjacking.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Sanders, Marcus | S.D. AL CR No. 98-0056-CB

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R  BM | Date of DP notice 3/27/2000

the April 1999 murder of a witness in a federal drug prosecution two days before Sanders drug conspiracy trial. Sanders did not appear for trial. Sanders was alleged to be the triggerman and was the only defendant authorized for a federal capital prosecution, but he was sentenced to life in prison at a separate trial.

Hyles, Tyrese | E.D. MO No. 01-CR-73

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R  BM | Date of DP notice 10/31/2002

a witness killing §1512 murder for hire involving interstate travel from Tennessee to Missouri. Hyles faced state drug charges. The victim was murdered after his preliminary hearing testimony. Cannon allegedly murdered the victim by shooting him in his bed. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution. Attorney General Gonzales rejected a jury waiver conditioned upon withdrawal of the notice of intent to seek the death penalty.

Denis, Jose | S.D. FL No. 99-00714 CR (KING)

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  H  M | Victim R  HM | Date of DP notice 5/20/2002

one capital eligible 924(c) count - a homicide occurring during a 1996 drug rip-off at Hialech motel. Everyone involved is Hispanic. Denis was the alleged triggerman. He had no prior criminal record. The defendant was attending Florida State University at the time of his arrest. The victim was allegedly tortured prior to his death.

Gray, Kevin | D. DC No. 1:00CR00157

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R  BM  HM | Date of DP notice 7/27/2001

a Southeast Washington, D.C., gang, alleged to be connected to approximately 40 slayings. The indictment charges 30 murders. Murder for hire was alleged as an aggravating circumstance. The leader, Kevin Gray, 28, is charged with carrying out the racketeering slayings of 10 people. Members of this heroin and marijuana conspiracy allegedly gunned down rivals and people they thought might testify against them, catching victims by surprise at a gas station, a beauty salon and on street corners, sometimes in broad daylight. Three of the victims were killed because they were viewed as potential witnesses. Another victim was shot by mistake. The 158 count indictment alleges 10 attempted murders. Gang members allegedly took outside contracts as hit men. Gray is charged in 22 murders. He and Moore are the only defendants to face the death penalty. The victims were Hispanic and African-American.

Minerd, Joseph | W.D. PA CR No. 99-215

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  W  M | Victim R  WF  AM | Date of DP notice 9/13/2000

a case, 1999 New Year's Day arson resulting in the death of the defendant's girlfriend, her three year old child by another man and her fetus, the defendant's child. The ATF believed there was a pipe bomb as there was a shard of metal found in the deceased's exhumed body. All involved are white. Attorney General Ashcroft approved a plea agreement but the defendant backed out of the deal. 176 F. Supp. 424. 182 F.Supp.2d 459. 197 F.Supp.2d 272.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Moore, Rodney

D. DC No. 1:00CR00157

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 7/27/2001

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Johnson, Coleman

W.D. VA No. 3:00CR00026

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WF

Date of DP notice 10/23/2000

one §844(ii) count for allegedly leaving a pipe bomb in 1997 which killed his ex-girlfriend, who was eight months pregnant, to avoid the child support that he would have to pay. DNA indicates he was the father of the child the victim was carrying. All involved are white. 136 F.Supp.2d 553.

Quinones, Alan

S.D. NY No. 00 CR 0761 (JSR)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 10/26/2001

murder for hire of a New York Police Department informant, who was beaten and tortured. The victim, a drug dealer, had recently arranged two controlled buys from Quinones. The victim's body was burned post-mortem. Attorney General Ashcroft rejected a plea agreement and required a capital prosecution. The district court's decision that the death penalty was unconstitutional due to the execution of the innocent was reversed on appeal. 313 F.3d 49 (2nd Cir. 2002). The jury unanimously voted for life. All involved are Hispanic.

Rodriguez, Diego

S.D. NY No. 00 CR 0761 (JSR)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 10/26/2001

murder for hire of a New York Police Department informant, who was beaten and tortured. The victim, a drug dealer, had recently arranged two controlled buys from Quinones. Rodriguez participated in the killing under the direction of Quinones. The victim's body was burned post-mortem. Attorney General Ashcroft rejected a plea agreement and required a capital prosecution. The district court's decision that the death penalty was unconstitutional due to the execution of the innocent was reversed on appeal. 313 F.3d 49 (2nd Cir. 2002). The jury unanimously voted for life. All involved are Hispanic.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Williams, Michael

S.D. NY No. 00-CR-1008

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 2/4/2003

involves drug-related murders. Three black men were killed in 1996. The defendants, two brothers and their father, are also black. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution.

Williams, Elijah Bobby

S.D. NY No. 00-CR-1008

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 2/4/2003

involves drug related murders. Three black men were killed in 1996. The defendants, two brothers and their father, are also black. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution.

Sablan, William

D. CO No. 00-CR-531

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def PI M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 5/1/2001

inmate killing at USP Florence - evisceration stabbing of cellmate (in their cell). William Sablan confessed, on videotape, and said that he was defending himself. The letter "S" was written on the cell wall in the victim's blood. The United States Attorney requested permission to seek the death penalty and, on her last day in office, Attorney General Janet Reno agreed. The defendants are Pacific Islanders, "Chmorran", from Saipan. The victim is Hispanic. The defendants, cousins, were doing federal time for a hostage-taking in Guam. Attorney General Gonzales rejected a plea agreement for William Sablan. William, allegedly more culpable, was sentenced to life. There was evidence that William suffered from an intellectual disability. A pre-trial claim of being intellectually disabled was rejected after an evidentiary hearing. William had a 20 year history of violent crime.

Sablan, Rudy

D. CO No. 00-CR-531

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def PI M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 5/1/2001

inmate killing at USP Florence - evisceration stabbing of cellmate (in their cell). William Sablan confessed, on videotape, and said that he was defending himself. The letter "S" was written on the cell wall in the victim's blood. The United States Attorney requested permission to seek the death penalty and, on her last day in office, Attorney General Janet Reno agreed. The defendants are Pacific Islanders, "Chmorran", from Saipan. The victim is Hispanic. The defendants, cousins, were doing federal time for a hostage-taking in Guam. Attorney General Gonzales refused to withdraw the death penalty request as to Rudy Sablan after the more culpable William Sablan was sentenced to life in prison.

Ealy, Samuel Stephen

W.D. VA No. 00-CR-104

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def W M

Victim R WF WM

Date of DP notice 5/11/2001

the April 1989 shotgun murder of a family of three. Ealy avoided trial in state court in 1991 by a successful motion to suppress. A federal grand jury indicted Ealy and Church, charging them with two capital murders in the furtherance of a drug-trafficking enterprise and a third murder of a potential federal witnesses. They are charged with these killings while trying to rob one victim of \$30,000 that he was holding for a drug ring. The victims were white. 2001 WL 686954, 855894, 1661706. 151 F.Supp.2d 715. 163 F.Supp.2d 633. 2002 WL 229700, 273317, 376880, 1205035.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Waldon, Carl

M.D. FL No. 3:00-CR-436-J25-TJC

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R OM

Date of DP notice 7/30/2001

involves a CCE-related murder. Sinclair was a narcotics detective and Waldon an uniformed patrol officer. Three drug dealers apparently implicated Sinclair in drug trafficking as part of a 5K1 deal. Waldon and Sinclair are charged with murder. Sinclair worked as a guard. He saw an Arab-American storeowner withdraw \$50,000 from the bank. Sinclair tipped Waldon who detained the victim on a pretext traffic stop and tried to rob him. The victim was strangled in the police cruiser, near a school in broad daylight. Two others were present, including Kenneth McLoughlin, who participated and testified as a government witness. The penalty phase was bifurcated and the jury deadlocked on whether the mental state threshold (intentional killing) or sole aggravating circumstance (pecuniary gain) was present. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution.

Haskell, Carl

W.D. MO No. 00-CR-395

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 2/25/2002

involves the sequel to the Peoples and Lightfoot trial in October of 1999, resulting in life sentences. The government's theory is that Peoples, on behalf of Lightfoot and himself, enlisted the services of hired killers, one of whom allegedly was Haskell, to do away with one Jovan Ross, a white male. Ross was Lightfoot's homosexual live-in lover. The pair lived in a house in KC. After a lover's quarrel, Ross informed on Lightfoot regarding robberies pulled by Lightfoot and Peoples in Nebraska and led police to a cache of blank certified checks stored in the crawl space under the Lightfoot/Ross home. Shortly after, Lightfoot was arrested, and while in jail received information about Ross' involvement. Not long after that, Ross ended up dead. Attorney General Ashcroft approved Haskell, the alleged triggerman, for a capital prosecution, but denied permission to seek the death penalty against co-defendant Barfield.

Mosher, Ellis

E.D. TX No. 1:06 CR 00101-TH

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 12/11/2006

a 1998 BOP inmate killing at Beaumont FCI. An original prosecution was dismissed on the government's motion (99-CR-4-ALL). In 2006, the prosecution resurfaced (06-CR-101). The jury was unable to agree on a sentence after three days of deliberations, so a life sentence was imposed. All involved are white.

Britt, L.J.

N.D. TX No. 00-CR-260

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R HM BM

Date of DP notice 10/19/2001

a Fort Worth drug trafficking prosecution of the leaders of an Arlington-based drug ring responsible for three murders. The first killing involved a 1998 shooting of an African-American, mistaken for the intended victim, in a car traveling on Cential Expressway. A second 1999 killing was of an Hispanic person, mistaken for the intended victim, his brother, who allegedly sold a fake kilo of cocaine to Robinson. Britt was the triggerman in the third 1999 killing of another drug dealer, a Mexican national, who had stolen 20 kilos from a Laredo drug kingpin. Robinson was following in another car. Britt and Robinson, African-American, both allegedly fired weapons in the first and second incidents. Britt was sentenced to life in prison at a separate trial.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Taylor, Styles

N.D. IN CR No. 2:01 CR 073 JM

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 7/25/2003

a Hobbs act robbery of a gun store, "Firearms Unlimited" and the killing of the proprietor. 18 U.S.C. §§ 924 and 1951. The defendants are African-American and the victim was white. Taylor was on parole. He has a juvenile record involving the robbery and shooting of a pizza delivery man. Taylor was alleged to be more culpable and after the jury voted to sentence him to life in prison, Attorney General Ashcroft approved withdrawal of the "death notice" as to Thomas. In a rule 11 proffer, Taylor told the government "that the man in the store was reaching on me."

Lentz, Jay

E.D. VA No. 01-CR-150

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W

M

Victim R WF

Date of DP notice 8/29/2001

involves a domestic killing. interstate domestic violence and kidnapping resulting in death. The defendant lived in Virginia and his ex-wife was kidnapped from Maryland. Her body was never located. A bloody car was found in D. C. All involved are white. A government pretrial appeal involved statements by the defendant. 225 F.Supp.2d 672, aff'd, 2003 WL 253949 (4th Cir. (VA)). Lentz was convicted and the jury unanimously recommended a life sentence. However, the judge vacated the conviction for lack of any evidence of interstate kidnapping. 275 F.Supp.2d. A government appeal was successful. 2004 WL 2035326.

Frye, James Ernest

S.D. MS No. 01-CR-8

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 1/18/2002

involves the 1999 carjacking and gun murders of two black victims, a boyfriend and a girlfriend, who were attempting to buy about \$30,000 worth of cocaine and were ripped off and killed. The male victim was shot first. The female victim, a 19 year old nursing student, was driven around in the trunk of her auto for an hour before being killed. Both African-American defendants confessed, blaming the other as the triggerperson. There was a post-mortem attempt to dismember (head and hands) and rebury the bodies. Frye was convicted of robbery in 1994. He escaped from custody in January of 2000. The Notice of Intent to Seek the Death penalty against Frye was dismissed as filed too late but the decision was reversed. 372 F.3d 729 (2004). The defendants were each sentenced to life in prison at separate trials. Cooper's life sentence was affirmed. 2003 WL 21672845 (5th Cir.). The jury was deadlocked after five hours of deliberation.

Cooper, Billy D.

S.D. MS No. 01-CR-8

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 1/18/2002

involves carjacking and killings of two black victims who were attempting to buy about \$30,000 worth of cocaine and were ripped off and killed. The male victim was shot first. The female victim was driven around in the trunk of her auto for an hour before being killed. Both African-American defendants confessed, blaming the other as the triggerperson. There was a post-mortem attempt to dismember (head and hands) and rebury the bodies. Cooper has a low I.Q. Frye was convicted of robbery in 1994. He escaped from custody in January of 2000. The Notice of Intent to Seek the Death penalty against Frye was dismissed as filed too late but the decision was reversed. 372 F.3d 729 (2004). The defendants were each sentenced to life in prison at separate trials. Cooper's life sentence was affirmed. 2003 WL 21672845 (5th Cir.).

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Ostrander, Michael Paul

W.D. MI No. 01-CR-00218

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 2/21/2003

slaying of a man on federal land found buried in a previously dug grave in the Manistee National Forest (USFS). The Ostrander brothers are charged with the August 2000 use of a firearm causing death during drug trafficking, involving marijuana and cocaine. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution.

McClure, Cornell Winfrei

D. MD No. 01-CR-367

Life sentence from judge

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WF

Date of DP notice 3/4/2002

the gun murder of a white woman by two black men at a secluded location on federal property, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (USDA). The victim was shot eleven times with two different types of ammunition. There are signed confessions by both defendants. Millegan confessed that he committed the murder, along with McClure, both shooting the victim with their weapons. McClure wrote that he told Millegan they should "press her" about a robbery of drugs from Millegan's apartment. The deceased was taken to a road on federal land in Beltsville, where both allegedly shot her. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution. Millegan plead guilty. McClure declined to plead guilty and had a bench trial.

Ostrander, Robert Norman

W.D. MI No. 01-CR-00218

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 2/21/2003

slaying of a man on federal land, found buried in a previously dug grave in the Manistee National Forest (USFS). The Ostrander brothers are charged with the August 2000 use of a firearm causing death during drug trafficking, involving marijuana and cocaine. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution.

Williams, Tyrone

S.D. TX No. 03-CR-221

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R HF HM

Date of DP notice 3/15/2004

an alien smuggling operation that led to 19 immigrants' deaths by dehydration, overheating and suffocation in the back of a truck trailer driven by Williams. Joya was alleged to be the leader of this alien smuggling ring. She was extradited from Guatemala. She was also accused of coordinating three smaller operations, gathering illegal immigrants together in South Texas, arranging them to be fed and housed and then placing them on trucks headed north. All involved are Latino, except Williams, who is black. Williams was the only one of the 17 defendants to face the death penalty in this case and the only alien smuggling defendant of approximately 70 in the nation to face the death penalty. The first jury failed to reach agreement on the capital charges. The second jury convicted Williams and he was sentenced to life in prison. The Fifth Circuit reversed and the third trial resulted in 34 year sentence.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Davis, Johnny

E.D. LA No. 2:01-CR-282

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 9/18/2002

involves allegations of four killings - 924(c) 2001 gun murders by a drug gang pushing heroin in a New Orleans Housing project. The alleged kingpin, Richard Porter, was convicted of one murder and did not face the death penalty. The enforcer for the group, Johnny Davis, was convicted of three of four murders. All involved are African-American. The government sought the death penalty against only Davis.

Haynes, Aaron

W.D. TN No. 01-CR-20247

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BF

Date of DP notice 9/19/2002

bank robbery resulting in the death of a black female employee of Union Planters Bank. A security guard was also shot in the face by Johnson, but survived. The defendants are African-American. Haynes was a shooter. The state and federal government both sought the death penalty against Haynes and Maxwell but not against Johnson who may be intellectually disabled. A federal jury sentenced Haynes to life imprisonment. After this verdict, Attorney General Ashcroft reversed his position and approved a plea agreement specifying a life sentence for Maxwell. 242 F.Supp.2d 540. 269 F.Supp.2d 970. 265 F.Supp.2d 914.

Moussaoui, Zacarias

E.D. VA No. 01-CR-455

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R WF +

Date of DP notice 3/28/2002

alleged co-conspirator in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon which killed over 3,000 and resulted in four airline crashes in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Moussaoui is French of Moroccan descent and is accused as a member of al-Qaida. He was in jail on September 11 after suspicious actions at a Minnesota flight school. There were victims of many nationalities and races. Moussaoui plead guilty but the jury deadlocked at the penalty trial. He remains at ADX Florence.

Caraballo, Gilberto

E.D. NY No. 01-CR-1367

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H

M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 5/14/2004

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## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Aguilar, Martin

E.D. NY No. 01-CR-1367

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 5/14/2004

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Duong, Anh The

N.D. CA No. 5:01CR20154 JF

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

A M

Victim R AM HM

Date of DP notice 5/13/2004

eight murders by "the Duong" racketeering enterprise involving the armed robbery of jewelry stores, banks and computer-related companies by defendants of Chinese and Vietnamese descent. Anh The Duong is alleged to be the leader and is charged in all seven RICO murders. He alone faced the death penalty. He attempted suicide and was in a coma for three weeks. Soewin Chan and Philip Garza were charged in one 2001 RICO murder during commission of robbery. Lisbio Couto, Ricky Vong, Cuong Chi Yuong, Eng Yong Feng and Jerry Hu were charged in one 1997 and one 1998 murder. Johnnie Tangha and Ted Vu Nguyen were charged in one 1998 murder. One robbery/murder in 1997 and one in 1999 were charged as racketeering murders. Four other 1999 murders were charged as 924 murders and under the Hobbs Act. Duong received 4 death sentences in Los Angeles for a gang-related bar shoot-out. Yuong has a prior murder conviction.

Regan, Brian Patrick

E.D. VA No. 01-CR-40

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R none

Date of DP notice 4/19/2002

a 20 year veteran of the Air Force who worked in the headquarters of the National Reconnaissance Office, charged with three counts of attempted espionage and one count of mishandling classified information. The government charged Regan of creating a "grave risk of death" to U.S. military pilots patrolling the no-fly zone over Iraq. Regan intended to sell Iraqi president Saddam Hussein secret details about American satellites. Prosecutors said Regan apparently used a form letter to solicit money from at least two foreign countries. Investigators said Regan told Hussein in a letter, "If I am caught, I will be imprisoned for the rest of my life, if not executed for this deed." Two of the charges carried the death penalty.

Cannon, Amesheo D.

E.D. MO No. S1-1:01CR00073RWS

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 10/31/2002

a witness killing §1512 murder for hire involving interstate travel from Tennessee to Missouri. Hyles faced state drug charges. The victim was murdered after his preliminary hearing testimony. Cannon allegedly murdered the victim by shooting him in his bed. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution. Attorney General Gonzales rejected a jury waiver conditioned upon withdrawal of the notice of intent to seek the death penalty.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Matthews, Lavin

N.D. NY No. 3:00 CR-269

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

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Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 9/25/2002

murder during a CCE, motivated by a drug rip off. Another drug dealer was tortured and beaten to death and his marijuana, phone, jewelry and \$2000 cash were stolen. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution against three defendants, later withdrawing the notice of intent as to McMillian, who has intellectual deficits. All involved are African-American.

Dixon, Emile

E.D. NY No. 01-CR-389

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

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Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 4/8/2002

Dixon is one of the leaders of the inter-state "Patio Crew" gang, charged with taking part in a 2002 gun murder of a witness and another murder. A government informant, Robert Thompson, 30, was machine-gunned to death in his car, and his brother was wounded. The main witness, the brother who survived, admitted lying about Dixon. A superceding indictment was filed charging a 1992 drug-related murder. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution overruling, press accounts indicated, his own review committee. Dixon is a Jamaican immigrant. The victims were African-American.

Tucker, Tebiah Shelah

N.D. NY No. 00-CR-269

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

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Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 9/25/2002

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Perez, Wilfredo

D. CT No. 02-CR-7

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H

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Victim R

HM

Date of DP notice 1/21/2003

a drug gang, "the Perez Organization" at war with "the Savage Nomads" in Hartford, Connecticut because of a turf dispute and a drug and money kidnapping and robbery. Gonzalez was the alleged triggerman in this murder for hire. The government claims that Gonzalez is a hired contract killer responsible for nine other murders. The judge ruled that these unadjudicated homicides were not admissible. 2004 WL 1920492. All involved are Hispanic. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution. Santiago Feliciano testified for the government that he arranged the murder of the head of the Nomads for Perez.

Gonzalez, Fausto

D. CT No. 02-CR-7

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H

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Victim R

HM

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## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Krylov, Petro

C.D. CA CR No. 02-220 (A)-NM

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  W  M Victim R  WM

Date of DP notice 8/3/2004

five kidnapping ransom murders by the Russian mob. Wealthy Russian immigrants were kidnapped, held for ransom, murdered and their bodies dumped in a reservoir. 1.2 million was collected in ransom. All involved are Caucasian. Mikhel and Kadamovas are charged in four, the others in two, except Krylov, who is charged in three murders. The indictment charged hostage taking resulting in death. 18 U.S.C. §1203. Mikhel, Kadamovas and Krylov faced the death penalty. Mikhel and Kadamovas were sentenced to death. At a separate trial, Krylov was sentenced to life imprisonment after Attorney General Gonzales rejected an offer to plead guilty.

Moses, Keon

D. MD No. 02-CR-410

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R  BM

Date of DP notice 3/31/2003

leaders of one of West Baltimore's most violent drug gangs, the Lexington Terrace Boys, who are charged in eight killings, including one potential government witness who was killed to prevent him from testifying about an earlier double homicide of two members of a rival gang, the Stricker Street group. Since 1999 the gang operated from the Lexington Terrace and Edgar Allan Poe Homes public housing projects. During trial, the government presented evidence linking the gang to nine killings. Taylor had a direct role in seven. The mitigation evidence focused on the trauma of a childhood growing up in this neighborhood. When Moses was 4, his father was gunned down in a drug hit in the lobby of one of the buildings. Foster was acquitted of attempted murder in state court in 1998. Taylor and Moses were charged together in the double homicide and in a witness killing. There was also an attempted kidnapping of another potential witness to the 2001 killings. The latest victim is the third brother of one family to die on the streets of Baltimore. Investigators claim the group is in some way connected to 40 homicides. Shortly before trial, a critical witness in the case was shot 10 times and killed. He had been shot at twice before. Separate indictments (03-343 and 03-560) charge Kaarman Hawkins, Parker, Foster and Taylor in that case. The jury returned unanimous life verdicts for Moses and Taylor in 5 hours. All involved are African-American.

Taylor, Michael Lafayette

D. MD No. 02-CR-410

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M Victim R  BM

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## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Mills, Barry Byron

C.D. CA CR No. 02-00938-GHK

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM BM

Date of DP notice 6/28/2005

a RICO indictment of 40 reputed members and associates of the Aryan Brotherhood [AB] for a string of murders and violent attacks allegedly designed to expand the power of the white racist prison gang, which was founded at San Quentin state prison in 1964. Authorities say the gang has about 100 members. In 1980, the federal faction of the AB allegedly formed a three-man "Commission" to oversee AB members in federal prisons, and, in 1993, the Federal Commission allegedly formed a "Council" to oversee the day-to-day activities of the federal faction. 17 murders were alleged. At least six murders have occurred since 1996. Twenty-seven defendants initially were eligible for the death penalty. Mills and Bingham are alleged to have made all major decisions involving the criminal activities of the federal faction. Mills was also charged with personally committing one murder and involvement in as many as a dozen murders. AB members selected to face the death penalty were: McIntosh, Knorr, Sahakian, McElhiney, Littrell, Bridgewater, Terflinger, Schwyhart, Houston, Griffin, Chance, Stinson, Mills and Bingham. Mills and Bingham were sentenced to life in prison in 2006, as were Bridgewater and Houston at a separate trial in 2007.

Bingham, Tyler Davis

C.D. CA CR No. 02-00938-GHK

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM BM

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## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Bridgewater, Wayne

C.D. CA CR No. 02-00938-GHK

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 11/14/2006

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Houston, Henry Michael

C.D. CA CR No. 02-00938-GHK

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W  M

Victim R BM

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## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

James, Richard

E.D. NY CR No. 02-778 (S-1) (SJ)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 8/1/2003

two insurance fraud murders for hire involving defendants from Guyana. The victims are also from Guyana. One died there. Both died from alcohol and drug ingestion. James is an insurance broker. Mally and James are alleged to have arranged at least two other deaths in an insurance fraud scheme. Also charged in one murder is the son of one victim. He did not face the death penalty. James was acquitted of one murder. All involved are black.

Mally, Ronald

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Life sentence from jury

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Race & gender of def

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Victim R BM

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Smith, Thomas

W.D. MO No. 3:02 CR 05025

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R WF BM

Date of DP notice 8/7/2003

two gun murders during course of drug trafficking by black defendants from Tulsa selling crack in Tulsa. Smith is alleged to be a leader in the double murder. A black victim allegedly stole drugs and was shot to death along with a white female who was with him at the time. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution as to Smith and Ward, and DOJ twice refused to withdrawn the Notice of Intent against Street. Attorney General Gonzales approved a plea agreement with Ward after Street was sentenced to life imprisonment by a jury.

Villegas, Hernando Medina

D. PR No. 3:02-CR-117

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H

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Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 7/31/2003

the Hobbs Act robbery of a local credit union, while an armored bank truck was making a deposit. A gunfight ensued and an armed guard was killed with a second head shot by Villegas after he was down. Lorenzo Catalan and Hernando Medina participated in the robbery, while Quester Sterling was the lookout. The 924(j) murder weapon was allegedly obtained in a carjacking. There are additional non-capital charges for a prior robbery of the same credit union by the same group. Only Villegas and Roman faced the death penalty. All involved are Hispanic.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Roman, Lorenzo Catalan

D. PR No. 3:02-CR-117

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H  M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 7/31/2003

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Breeden, Shawn

W.D. VA No. 03-CR-13

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 7/15/2003

involves four defendants from D.C. who drove to Virginia with the intent to commit robbery. Cassell was the driver. Breeden is alleged to be the organizer, having lost his girlfriend's car payment while gambling. Carpenter allegedly held the victim, a drug dealer, at gunpoint. Carpenter shot the victim in the knee with a shotgun. Then Breeden allegedly stabbed the victim 7 times in the chest and neck. Outterbridge then shot the victim in the head. All involved are African-American, except the victims of a violent, but non-fatal, robbery of a white couple using an ATM that resulted in serious injury. The group also committed another robbery. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution against Breeden, Carpenter and Cassell. Outterbridge, 19 and the youngest, is a cooperator. Breeden has a prior stabbing conviction. The district court rejected a claim that the notice of intent to seek the death penalty was filed too late. 2003 WL 22019060.

Carpenter, Michael Anthony

W.D. VA No. 03-CR-13

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 7/15/2003

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Ayala-Lopez, Carlos L.

D. PR No. 03-CR-55

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

H  M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 12/17/2003

robbery of a gun and murder of a Veteran's Administration Hospital guard. Attorney General Ashcroft rejected a plea agreement calling for a sentence of 35 years to life and required a capital prosecution. Ayala-Lopez was a leader of a gang that sold drugs. A juvenile co-defendant was the triggerman.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Williams, Jamain

E.D. PA No. 01-CR-512

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 5/23/2005

a prosecution against a drug gang, the Boyle Street Boys, charging cocaine sales and four gun murders between 1996 and 2002, including the 2001 execution-style slaying of a witness who was killed before she could testify about an illegal gun ring. Brian Rogers, who shot the female victim to prevent her from testifying against Vincent Williams in a federal gun case, reached a plea agreement. Jamain Williams and Andre Cooper allegedly assisted Rogers in that shooting. Vincent Williams and Andre Cooper are charged with the 2000 murder of a teenage drug seller. Vincent Williams was allegedly the shooter. Jamain Williams was allegedly the triggerman in a second 2000 RICO murder. Both Williams and Cooper committed a third RICO murder in 1999. Cooper was allegedly the shooter. All involved are African American.

Mayhew, John Richard

S.D. OH CR No. 02 03-165

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WF

Date of DP notice 10/5/2004

domestic gun murders of Mayhew's ex-wife, her boyfriend and his 18 year old daughter, with whom Mayhew had an incestuous relationship. Mayhew is charged in federal court with interstate kidnapping. He shot a West Virginia state trooper in the chest and shot his daughter to death and then shot himself. The seats in the car were rigged with bombs. All involved are white.

Cooper, Andre

E.D. PA No. 01-CR-512

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 5/23/2005

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Simmons, Brent

W.D. VA No. 5:04-CR-30014-SGW

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WF WM

Date of DP notice 7/28/2004

a black state prisoner charged in this 1996 case with stalking his white ex-college girlfriend, 25, and killing her and her white boyfriend, 23, with two shots to the head each. The victims were James Madison University students. The state prosecution ended with a controversial 20 year plea agreement after a hung jury. The Virginia Supreme Court rejected an appeal in 2003. Simmons has no prior convictions, is college educated and has an excellent institutional record in state prison in Virginia. The new charges were based on the Violence Against Women Act (a gun murder) and on an interstate stalking law. A 9mm was eventually discovered near the defendant's home and was alleged to be the murder weapon. The male victim's father is a retired New York City police officer. Simmons was sentenced to life in prison after six hours of deliberations.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Pepin-Taveras, Humberto

E.D. NY CR No. 04-0156

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  H  M

Victim R  HM

Date of DP notice 3/3/2005

two drug related gun murders by a Dominican Republican. The capital murder charge alleged a 1995 homicide. 21 U.S.C. § 848. Pepin-Tavares was serving a sentence for a drug conspiracy when he called the police to "cooperate" and obtain a reduced sentence. He admitted two murders of drug dealers and the dismemberment and disposal of the corpses. A 1992 murder was being prosecuted in state court, but was transferred to federal court. Pepin shot the victims, cut up their bodies and dumped them by the roadside. All involved are Hispanic.

Jordan, Peter

E.D. VA No. 04-CR-58

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M

Victim R  BM

Date of DP notice 9/30/2004

a drug conspiracy murder of a drug dealer who was burned to death. All involved are African-American. Jordan was previously charged with bank robbery, auto-theft and drug possession. Jordan faced drug and gun possession charges as a juvenile.

Gordon, Lorenzo

E.D. VA No. 04-CR-58

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  B  M

Victim R  BM

Date of DP notice 9/30/2004

a drug conspiracy murder of a drug dealer who was burned to death. All involved are African-American. Jordan was previously charged with bank robbery, auto-theft and drug possession. Jordan faced drug and gun possession charges as a juvenile.

Grande, Oscar

E.D. VA No. 04-CR-283

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  H  M

Victim R  HF

Date of DP notice 10/1/2004

four members of the MS-13 street gang who murdered a pregnant teenager in 2003 who had joined the gang and later became a federal informant. The deceased government witness was a 17 year old minor. She had just left the witness protection program. She was stabbed many times in 2003. Rivera allegedly ordered the murder from prison, where he is serving a life sentence for a 2001 murder. Rivera and Garcia-Orellano were acquitted. Cisneros and Grande were sentenced to life. All involved are Hispanic.

Cisneros, Ismael

E.D. VA No. 04-CR-283

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def  H  M

Victim R  HF

Date of DP notice 10/1/2004

four members of the MS-13 street gang who murdered a pregnant teenager in 2003 who had joined the gang and later became a federal informant. The deceased government witness was a 17 year old minor. She had just left the witness protection program. She was stabbed many times in 2003. Rivera allegedly ordered the murder from prison, where he is serving a life sentence for a 2001 murder. Rivera and Garcia-Orellano were acquitted. Cisneros and Grande were sentenced to life. All involved are Hispanic. Intellectual disability was raised and argued in the penalty phase.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Wilk, Kenneth

S.D. FL No. 04-CR-60216

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R HM

Date of DP notice 2/19/2005

law enforcement officer victim - the gun murder of a law enforcement officer, Todd Fatta, and the attempted murder of Sgt. Angelo Cedeno, deputy sheriffs who were trying to serve a federal warrant. Wilk was being investigated for child pornography. Wilk, a homosexual, apparently has AIDS and allegedly dementia. The government refused an offer to plead guilty in return for a life sentence, a resolution said to have been acceptable to the victim's family. Wilk is white and the deceased officer is Hispanic. Wilk's once allegedly listed "hunting cops" as a hobby on an internet profile. Trial proceedings were stayed in 2005 pending a speedy trial interlocutory appeal which was denied. It was claimed the "death notice" was filed too late.

Clay, Vertis

E.D. AR No. 4:04-CR-00035 WRW

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 10/21/2005

a murder-for-hire drug-related 2004 gun murder during the course of a burglary and robbery to steal drugs and money. Clay and Walker were sent to kill the victim by Stovall. The deceased had knowledge about Stovall's misdeeds unknown to his Mexican drug suppliers. Walker proffered repeatedly in an attempt to cooperate. Only Clay was authorized. The murder is alleged to be gruesome. All involved are black.

Barnes, Khalid

S.D. NY No. 7:04-CR-00186-SCR

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM HM

Date of DP notice 1/19/2006

two drug related murders, charged as §848 CCE and as §924 gun murders. Attorney General Gonzales required a capital prosecution. All involved are black.

Street, John P.

W.D. MO No. 4:04-CR-00298-GAF

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 11/16/2005

a 1998 drug (methamphetamine) related gun murder of a potential government witness. Police recovered the male victim's body from the trunk of a car. He had been beaten, stabbed and shot in the back of the head. Street was already serving 15 years on drug and gun charges. All involved are white. The jury at the first trial deadlocked. The jury at the second trial convicted Street and sentenced him to life in prison. The 8th Circuit reversed and Street was acquitted.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

O'Reilly, Timothy

E.D. MI No. 05-80025

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 11/1/2006

the 2001 gun, bank robbery murder of a Total Armed Services (TAS) armored truck which was delivering cash to the Dearborn Federal Credit Union (DFCU) in Dearborn, Michigan. There were six potential capital defendants. Three hooded subjects, armed with shotguns, opened fire, fatally wounding a black TAS guard/messenger, the father of five. The subjects grabbed bags containing \$204,000 in currency and a .38 caliber revolver owned by TAS (carried by the victim). O'Reilly, Duncan and Watson were allegedly directly responsible for the shooting and killing of the TAS messenger. They faced the death penalty. O'Reilly, Duncan and Broom also committed a 2003 robbery, where another guard was seriously wounded and \$170,000 was stolen. Six robbers participated in the DFCU robbery/murder. They were provided the vehicle by Archie Broom, who worked at a U-Haul facility. Cromer, Duncan, Broom and O'Reilly were members of the Blue Stone Motorcycle Club (BSMC), a defunct black motorcycle club. A conversation was recorded between O'Reilly and a confidential informant, wherein O'Reilly said that he and Watson were the subjects who shot the TAS guard and Johnson was the get-away driver. Duncan was armed and participated in the robberies. Broom helped get the weapons and supplied the U-Haul used at the DFCU robbery/murder. Broom obtained a cooperation agreement. Duncan is serving a 12-20 year sentence for an attempted robbery where an accomplice was killed. O'Reilly is white, the other defendants are black. O'Reilly was previously charged with murder but was acquitted. O'Reilly and Duncan were alleged to be the most culpable.

Gooch, Larry

D. DC CR No. 04-128

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BF BM

Date of DP notice 10/19/2005

a drug (cocaine, PCP, MDA) gang accused of six murders, a double murder in 2000, one in 2002, three in 2003, including a double murder. Gooch is charged with five murders, Dorsey and Robinson in two and Bell, Franklin and Simmons in one. Attorney General Gonzales required a capital prosecution against Gooch only. He was acquitted of one of the five murders.

McGriff, Kenneth

E.D. NY CR No. 04-966 (ERK) (VVP)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Ashcroft

Race & gender of def

B  M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 3/22/2006

Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff was the leader of a notorious Queens-based drug gang, "The Supreme Team," that operated in the 1980's. He went to prison after pleading to a CCE and receiving a 12-year sentence. Upon his release he resumed drug trafficking. The case also features a Murder, Inc. connection involving a film McGriff was producing with the soundtrack provided by several well-know rap artists from the label. McGriff and co-defendants David Crosby and Emanuel Mosley were charged with two RICO murders that took place in 2001. The government alleged that the murders were committed in retaliation for a murder of a McGriff associate by one of the victims, Eric Smith (who was a rapper a/k/a "E Money Bags"). The second murder victim, Troy Singleton, was allegedly killed to prevent him from retaliating for the E Money Bags murder. Both victims had a reputation for street violence. Both were carrying loaded handguns at the time of their deaths. A third defendant, Nicole Brown, Crosby's girlfriend, was charged in the E Money Bags murder only and is alleged to have acted as a look-out, video-taping the victim, and/or to have directed the shooters to the victim's location. The government's theory was that McGriff hired Mosley to provide the actual shooters. It is not clear whether any of the defendants were on the scene. Victor Wright was charged with the double-murder of two men in a suburb of Baltimore, Owings Mills, Md. The motive alleged for one of the killings was that the victim was suspected of being a cooperating witness in a drug investigation. The second victim just happened to be there. The crime took place in the parking lot of an up-scale apartment complex where McGriff maintained a stash house. The Government filed "Protective" Notices of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty as to five defendants, but withdrew as to four. The Court declined to strike the notice as filed late. Only McGriff faced the death penalty. All involved are African-American.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Lujan, Larry | D. NM No. 05-924

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def | H | M | Victim R | WM | Date of DP notice | 7/12/2007

2005 interstate (Texas to New Mexico) kidnapping murder of a 16 year old potential federal witness. The victim owed a drug debt, failing to pay Lujan a tax for selling drugs on Lujan's "turf." The boy was beaten, forced to perform oral sex and nearly decapitated with a meat cleaver. His body was found 3 weeks later. The defendant is Hispanic, the victim white. Mr. Lujan is also linked by DNA to a 1993 murder of a couple in the same area who were allegedly involved in drug trafficking. Only Lujan faced the death penalty. All of the co-defendants, including two juveniles, made statements implicating Lujan.

McTier, James | E.D. NY CR No. 05-401

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def | B | M | Victim R | BF BM | Date of DP notice | 12/7/2006

five RICO murders in 2000 and 2001 by the drug gang "Folk Nation" of the nationwide "Gangster Disciples" gang, who sold cocaine and marijuana. McTier was charged with three murders, Stone in two murders and Nieves in one. An innocent bystander was killed in a drive-by shooting. Nieves is Hispanic. Everyone else is black. Only McTier faced the death penalty.

Casey, Lashaun | D. PR No. 3:05-CR-0277-JAG

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def | B | M | Victim R | HM | Date of DP notice | 7/17/2007

murder of an Hispanic law enforcement officer. Casey, who is black, was born in America and sent to live in Puerto Rico, was accused of the carjacking murder of an Hispanic undercover cop who disappeared during a drug transaction. The victim's body was found by the side of the road. The officer's cellphone, marked bills from the drug buy with blood on them and a gun were discovered at the defendant's grandfather's home. The defendant was caught driving the police officer's car.

Lecco, George | S.D. WV CR No. 2:05-00107

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def | W | M | Victim R | WF | Date of DP notice | 8/16/2006

a 2005 gun murder-for-hire of a cooperating witness/informant in a drug (cocaine) prosecution. Lecco asked Burton, who asked Friend to help kill the female victim who was shot and beaten to death and buried in a shallow grave. Attorney General Gonzales required a death penalty prosecution. Lecco and Friend were sentenced to death at a joint trial but a new trial was granted by the trial judge when the government revealed that a juror was under federal investigation for child pornography. 634 F.Supp.2d 633 (SD WV 2009). Friend entered into a plea agreement approved by Attorney General Holder and testified against Lecco, who was sentenced to life in prison. Friend was sentenced to 35 years, Burton to 30 years. All involved are white.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Williams, Naeem

D. HI No. 1:06-CR-00079-DAE

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF

Date of DP notice 9/8/2006

the murder of a five year old child, who was in Special Education, on federal land, the Schofield (US Army) Barracks. There were bruises on the child's arms, chest, knees and thighs, as well as a small laceration on her back. The father, Naeem Williams, confessed to hitting his daughter on numerous occasions. His wife, Delilah Williams (the victim's stepmother), 21, confessed to having knowledge of these beatings. The child's room had no mattress, no blankets and no furniture, as all had been removed by her parents as a form of punishment. Blood spatters could be seen throughout the residence from whipping with a belt. Naeem faced the death penalty. Attorney General Gonzales required a capital trial. Attorney General Holder rejected a plea agreement.

Argueta, Antonio

D. MD No. 8:05 CR 00393-DKC

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

H M

Victim R HF

Date of DP notice 5/8/2007

five RICO gun murders by members of the Langley Park clique of MS-13 gang, including the 2004 murder of a female potential government witness by Argueta, Guillen and Palacios, a 2003 double murder, various attempted murders and a gang rape of two women. Bernal is charged in two murders and the others in one. Villatoro and Canales were not charged in federal court. Villatoro received a life sentence in state court. There are three additional uncharged related murders. All involved are Hispanic.

Hans, Eric Preston

D. SC No. 6:05 CR 01227-HMH

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WF BM

Date of DP notice 8/1/2006

a 2004 arson of a Comfort Inn in Greenville, South Carolina, resulting in six deaths, one white male, two white females, two black males and one black female. Hans is white. He was allegedly obsessed with a woman who was reconciling with her boyfriend at the motel. At sentencing, the government abandoned a claim that Hans intended to kill.

Natson, Michael Antonio

M.D. GA No. 4:05-CR-00021-CDL-GMF

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BF

Date of DP notice 12/8/2005

a 24 year old U.S. Air Force military police officer charged with the gun murder a pregnant 23 year old Georgia Southern University student in 2003. The victim's skeletal remains were found by hunters on a remote part of Fort Benning, Georgia. Evidence suggests the victim was romantically involved with the defendant. All involved are African-American.

Solomon, Jelani

W.D. PA No. 2:05-CR-00385-TFM

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 12/29/2006

involves a contract gun murder of a 53-year-old father of a jailed witness who was cooperating (and due to testify the next day) against Soloman. Hanner rang the doorbell and shot the witness's father when he answered the door. Solomon hired Hanner who dropped his cellphone near the scene of the murder. Hanner pled guilty and testified against Solomon. The victim is white, with five children. Solomon and Hanner are African-American.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Cyrus, Dennis, Jr.

N.D. CA No. 05-00324-MMC

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 11/1/2006

a San Francisco based drug conspiracy from 1994 to 2005 alleging three separate 2002 RICO murders including the killing of a government witness, 18 U.S.C. §1512. Cyrus faced three murder charges, Peterson faced one.

Eye, Gary

W.D. MO No. 4:05-CR-00344-ODS

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 7/17/2006

a 2005 18 U.S.C. §924(c) gun, hate crime murder of a §1512 government witness. The indictment alleged the victim was killed by the white defendants because he is an African-American. State murder charges were dismissed. The United States Attorney announced that the death penalty would not be sought, but the Department of Justice required counsel to submit a mitigation letter. "Learned" counsel were not appointed until Attorney General Gonzales required a death penalty prosecution. Both defendants are young with juvenile records.

Sandstrom, Steven

W.D. MO No. 4:05-CR-00344-ODS

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 7/17/2006

a 2005 18 U.S.C. §924(c) gun, hate crime murder of a §1512 government witness. The indictment alleged the victim was killed by the white defendants because he is an African-American. State murder charges were dismissed. The United States Attorney announced that the death penalty would not be sought, but the Department of Justice required counsel to submit a mitigation letter. "Learned" counsel were not appointed until Attorney General Gonzales required a death penalty prosecution. Both defendants are young with juvenile records.

Henderson, Thomas

S.D. OH No. 2:06-CR-00039

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

B M

Victim R BM

Date of DP notice 12/8/2006

the 1996 and 1998 18 U.S.C. § 1513 murders of witnesses who testified against Henderson in an earlier bank robbery prosecution and the witness' boyfriend. In addition, three additional murders were alleged in aggravation. All involved are African-American.

Basciano, Vincent

E.D. NY No. 05-CR-0060 (S-3) (NGG)

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def

W M

Victim R WM

Date of DP notice 4/2/2007

two mob RICO murders by the Acting Boss of the Bonanno crime family in 2001, involving Indelicato and Donato, and in 2004, involving Basciano, Cicale, Aiello and Mancuso. Joe Massino, the Boss of the Family, avoided a death penalty trial by secretly taping Basciano. Subsequently, Cicale began cooperating. Basciano was convicted of the 2001 murder and sentenced to life in prison. He was separately tried and convicted of the 2004 murder case and Massino testified against him. Attorney General Holder rejected the judge's request to withdraw the Notice of Intent to seek the death penalty. The jury unanimously voted to reject the death penalty. All involved are white.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Galan, Thomas A. | N.D. OH No. 3:06-CR-00730-JGC-1

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  H  M | Victim R  HM | Date of DP notice 11/14/2006

drug related double gun murder of two brothers in 2006. They were found in a crushed van. The defendant is white, the victims Hispanic. Galan distributed cocaine and marijuana in Northwest Ohio.

Green, Steven | W.D. KY No. 5:06-CR-00019-TBR

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  W  M | Victim R  ARF ARM | Date of DP notice 7/3/2007

the 2006 murders of an Iraqi family of four, including two children, and the rape murder of their daughter by three United States soldiers. Four of Green's fellow soldiers, including three squad leaders, were murdered in 12 days. Green, 20, told counselors and commanding officers that he wanted to kill Iraqis. Green was discharged before his arrest and indicted in United States District Court.

Baskerville, William | D. NJ CR No. 03-836 (JAP)

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R  BM | Date of DP notice 6/16/2006

Baskerville is a "career offender" in his early thirties who was the target of a federal narcotics investigation. The victim was a government informant who made a series of taped drug buys from Baskerville (as well as others). Four months after Baskerville was arrested, the government witness was killed. Baskerville ordered the hit from his jail cell. The shooter, Anthony Young, cooperated and did not face the death penalty.

Moonda, Donna | N.D. OH No. 1:06-CR-00395-DDD

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  W  F | Victim R  IM | Date of DP notice 9/6/2006

a 2005 "interstate stalking," 18 U.S.C. §2261A, §924 domestic gun murder of a millionaire urologist while he was driving on the Ohio Turnpike. Co-defendant Bradford, a black male, allegedly traveled from Pennsylvania to Ohio to kill Dr. Gulam Moonda. Bradford struck a deal for 17 years in return for testimony that Mrs. Moonda offered him money to kill her husband. He was having an affair with the doctor's wife. The deceased was 69 and of Indian descent. Mrs. Moonda, 47, faced the death penalty for charges of murder for hire.

Burgos-Montes, Edison | D. PR No. 06-009 JAG

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Gonzales

Race & gender of def  H  M | Victim R  HF | Date of DP notice 6/27/2007

a carjacking murder of a government witness who was Burgos' girlfriend, an informant for the DEA, investigating Burgos as the alleged leader of a drug conspiracy. Burgos allegedly found out and threatened to kill her. She disappeared shortly thereafter and her body has never been found. All involved are Hispanic.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Julian, Jermaine Michael

M.D. FL No. 8:07-CR-9-T-27TGW

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Keisler, AAG

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 10/15/2007

a robbery of a drug house and an execution style gun murder and two attempted murders. The gunmen forced their way into the house. Only Julian faced the death penalty. He shot the deceased victim Potts but the gun jammed when he tried to shoot two associates. All involved are black.

Dinkins, James

D. MD No. 1:06-CR-00309-JFM

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Mukasey

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 1/25/2008

three drug-related gun murders. Dinkins was charged in two in 2005, the others in one. 18 U.S.C. §§846 and 924.

Gilbert, Melvin

D. MD No. 1:06-CR-00309-JFM

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Mukasey

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BM

Date of DP notice 1/25/2008

three drug-related gun murders. Dinkins was charged in two in 2005, the others in one. 18 U.S.C. §§846 and 924.

Phillips, Maurice

E.D. PA No. 2:07-CR-00549-JCJ

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BF BM

Date of DP notice 5/4/2009

murder for hire witness killings of a female informant and her godson who was at the residence at the time of the shooting. Phillips ordered the killing. Bryant Phillips was the shooter and testified at trial. All involved are black.

Byers, Patrick Albert, Jr.

D. MD No. 08-056

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Mukasey

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

WM

Date of DP notice 8/5/2008

2007 contract, gun murder for hire by a 15 year old member of the Bloods gang on the order of Byers, who was facing a state murder trial in eight days. The gunman was paid \$2,500. The victim, who is a white male, was an eyewitness to a murder committed by Byers. He was shot to death in front of his children. The hit was arranged from jail by a cellphone. Prior to trial, Byers was caught with another cellphone in jail, trying to influence a witness. Attorney General Holder rejected an offer to plead to a life sentence. The jury deliberated eight hours before announcing they were not unanimous. All the defendants are black.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Holley, Marvin Lee | N.D. AL CR No. 96-B-0208-NE

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Reno

Race & gender of def  W  M | Victim R WM | Date of DP notice 11/14/1997

the 1991 killing of an informant in a drug conspiracy prosecution who had been given a new identity and sent out of state. However, the government witness returned and was spotted at a flea market in Ft. Payne. The drug ring boss, Mr. Holley, and co-defendant Charles Holland are alleged to have kidnaped the victim (intrastate) and killed him with a hammer. Holley is also alleged to have attempted to arrange the killing of government witnesses from prison. Holley was sentenced to life in prison and is also serving several consecutive life sentences in state prison for drug trafficking. All involved are white.

Richardson, Brian | N.D. GA No. 1:08CR139

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Mukasey

Race & gender of def  W  M | Victim R WM | Date of DP notice 12/2/2008

inmate killing involving a stabbing and strangulation at USP Atlanta. All involved are white.

Northington, Steven | E.D. PA No. 2:07-CR-00550-RBS

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R BM | Date of DP notice 3/14/2011

involves murders allegedly orchestrated by Philadelphia drug kingpin Kaboni Savage, already serving 30 years for drug trafficking. Thirteen murders are charged, including a 2004 arson fire that killed six people, including four children - ages 15, 12, 10 and 1. The fire was set to retaliate against a federal informant who was testifying against Savage. Kaboni Savage is charged in twelve murders, Merritt in six, Kidada Savage in six involving the arson and Northington in two. All involved are black, except one victim, who is an Hispanic male. The trial court rejected a claim that Northington is intellectually disabled.

McCluskey, John Charles | D. NM No. 1:10-CR-02734

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def  W  M | Victim R WF WM | Date of DP notice 1/26/2012

two carjacking gun murders of a just retired married couple by escaped convicts. All involved are white.

Salad, Ahmed Muse | E.D. VA No. 2:11CR34

Life sentence from jury | Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def  B  M | Victim R WF + | Date of DP notice 4/17/2012

four 2011 terrorist murders by Somali pirates, charged with murder and kidnapping. The boat's owners and another white couple who were guests were shot to death before troops could board the boat.

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Resulting in a Life Sentence - 6/10/2016

Beyle, Abukar Osman

E.D. VA No. 2:11CR34

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

WF +

Date of DP notice 4/17/2012

four 2011 terrorist murders by Somali pirates, charged with murder and kidnapping. The boat's owners and another white couple who were guests were shot to death before troops could board the boat.

Abrar, Shani Nurani Shiekh

E.D. VA No. 2:11CR34

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

WF +

Date of DP notice 4/17/2012

four 2011 terrorist murders by Somali pirates, charged with murder and kidnapping. The boat's owners and another white couple who were guests were shot to death before troops could board the boat.

Candelario-Santana, Alexis

D. PR No. 3:09-CR-00427-JAF

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

H

M

Victim R

HF HM

Date of DP notice 7/8/2012

twenty RICO, gun murders, including the October 17, 2009 "Tombola Massacre" where eight people were killed and twenty wounded in a shooting at a bar, including an unborn child. Candelario-Santana has 13 prior murder convictions. All involved are Hispanic. The trial court rejected a claim that Alexis Candelario-Santana is intellectually disabled.

Briseno, Juan

N.D. IN No. 2:11CR077

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

H

M

Victim R

BM HM

Date of DP notice 3/6/2013

six RICO gun murders by the gang "Imperial Gangsters," three in 2008 and three in 2010. Briseno was charged in six murders, Feliciano in two and Torres in one. Briseno was convicted of five murders. Briseno is Hispanic. The victims were black and Hispanic.

Jimenez-Bencevi, Xavier

D. PR No. 3:12-CR-00221-JAF

Life sentence from jury

Name of AG Holder

Race & gender of def

H

M

Victim R

HF

Date of DP notice 12/7/2012

a 2010 gun murder of a female witness, allegedly arranged by a mother and son. The triggerman, Jiminez-Bencevi, was authorized for a capital prosecution. He committed a prior murder. All involved are Hispanic.