

## Authorized Federal Capital Prosecutions Where Defendant Died Before or During Trial - 6/10/2016

Pretlow, Bilal

D. NJ No. 90-CR-238

Killed or died after authorization

Name of AG Barr

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BF  BM

Date of DP notice 6/17/1991

a young black New Jersey gang member committed suicide during his federal capital trial. He had been charged with two cocaine-and marijuana-related murders, one involving a 15-year-old-girl. All involved are black.

Brown, Terrance

E.D. MI CR No. 92-81127

Killed or died after authorization

Name of AG Barr

Race & gender of def

B

M

Victim R

BF  BM

Date of DP notice 8/11/1993

involves eight gun murders by a drug gang member who himself was found shot to death after the Attorney General approved a capital prosecution.

Stephens, Charles Lee

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

Killed or died after authorization

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.