

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON,)
Defendant)

Criminal No. 3:04CR58 - 02

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK A SENTENCE OF DEATH

The United States of America hereby notifies the Court and the defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, and his counsel, that in the event of the defendant's conviction on Count One, wherein the defendant is charged with Murder while Engaged in Drug Trafficking in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 848(e)(1)(A), the Government will seek a sentence of death, in that the circumstances of the offenses are such that a sentence of death is justified.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS AS TO COUNT ONE

The Government will seek to prove the following aggravating factors as the basis for imposition of the death penalty in relation to Count One of the Second Superseding Indictment for the killing of Dwayne Tabon:

A. Statutory Threshold Findings Enumerated in 21 U.S.C. § 848(l) & (n)(1)(A) through (D):

1. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, was more than 18 years of age at the time of the offense. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(l).

2. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, intentionally killed Dwayne Tabon. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(1)(A).
3. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury that resulted in the death of Dwayne Tabon. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(1)(B).
4. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, intentionally engaged in conduct intending that Dwayne Tabon be killed or that lethal force be employed against Dwayne Tabon, which resulted in the death of Dwayne Tabon. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(1)(C).
5. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, intentionally engaged in conduct which the defendant knew would create a grave risk of death to a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, and the conduct resulted in the death of Dwayne Tabon. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(1)(D).

B. Statutory Aggravating Factors Enumerated under 21 U.S.C. § 848(n)(2) through (12):

1. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, committed the offense described in Count One as consideration for the receipt, or in the expectation of the receipt, of anything of pecuniary value. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(7).
2. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, committed the offense described in Count One after substantial planning and premeditation. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(8).
3. The defendant, ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, committed the offense described in

Count One in an especially heinous, cruel, or depraved manner in that it involved torture and serious physical abuse to Dwayne Tabon. Title 21, United States Code, Section 848(n)(12).

C. Non-Statutory, Aggravating Factors Identified under 21 U.S.C. § 848 (h)(1)(B) and § 848(k):

1. Defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON has engaged in a pattern of criminal activity including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. On or about February 18, 1993, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON was adjudicated guilty as a juvenile of operating a motor vehicle while not licensed and reckless driving in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Virginia.
- b. On or about January 13, 1994, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON was adjudicated guilty as a juvenile of failure to yield the right of way in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Virginia.
- c. On or about January 20, 1995, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON was adjudicated guilty as a juvenile of possession of cocaine and firearms offenses in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Virginia.
- d. On or about April 26, 1995, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON was adjudicated guilty as a juvenile of disregarding a stop sign and improper registration in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Virginia.
- e. On or about July 28, 1999, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON was convicted of driving on a suspended operator's license in the General District Court in Richmond, Virginia.

f. On or about December 2, 2002, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON pled guilty to distribution of "crack" cocaine in criminal case number 3:02CR312 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

2. During the abduction of Dwayne Tabon on September 14, 2001, defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON also participated with his conspirators in efforts to murder Alvin Hall, so Hall could not be a witness against them.

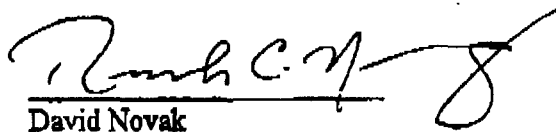
3. The impact of the loss of Dwayne Tabon on his family and friends is an aggravating factor.

The Government further gives notice that, in support of the imposition of the death penalty, it intends to rely upon all the evidence admitted by the Court at the guilt phase of the trial and the offenses of conviction as described in the Second Superseding Indictment as they relate to the background, character, and moral culpability of defendant ARTHUR LORENZO GORDON, and the nature and circumstances of the offense charged in Count One of the Second Superseding Indictment.

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- b. On or about March 21, 1974, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN pled guilty to Bank Robbery by force and Bank Robbery with a dangerous weapon in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.
- c. On or about April 19, 1978, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN was found guilty of simple assault in the Municipal Court for the city of Woodbury, New Jersey.
- d. On or about February 13, 1979, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN was convicted of larceny in the Circuit Court for Henrico County, Virginia.
- e. On or about November 3, 1982, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN was convicted of narcotics possession in New Haven, Connecticut.
- f. On or about December 17, 1982, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN was paroled from the United States Bureau of Prisons and then engaged in further criminal activity.

g On or about September 9, 2003, defendant PETER ROBERT JORDAN pled guilty to disorderly conduct in the criminal court for Queens, New York.

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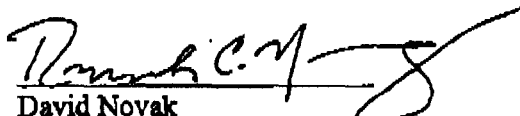
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