

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

VINCENT WILLIAMS

CRIMINAL No. 01-512-1

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY

The United States of America, by and through Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, notifies the defendant, **VINCENT WILLIAMS**, his counsel, and the Court that, in the event the defendant is convicted under Counts 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, or 22 of the Third Superseding Indictment, the United States believes that the circumstances of each murder offense is such that a sentence of death is justified under Chapter 228 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and the United States will seek a sentence of death. At a death penalty hearing, the United States proposes to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following statutory and non-statutory aggravating factors justifying a sentence of death:

A. Statutory Proportionality Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, with regard to each of Counts 10, 11, and 12, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in the Third Superseding Indictment, that:

1. The defendant intentionally participated in one or more acts, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the offense, and

Tracey Saunders died as a direct result of such act or acts, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C); and

2. The defendant intentionally and specifically engaged in one or more acts of violence, knowing that the act or acts created a grave risk of death to a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, such that participation in such act or acts constituted a reckless disregard for human life, and Tracey Saunders died as a direct result of such act or acts, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(D).

B. Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in the Third Superseding Indictment that:

1. The defendant committed the offenses in Counts 10, 11, and 12 after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Tracey Saunders, 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9);

C. Non-Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove:

1. **Impact on the Victim**. The Defendant, VINCENT WILLIAMS, caused injury, harm and loss to the family of Tracey Saunders because of the victim's personal characteristics as an individual human being and the impact of the death upon the victim's family. Payne v. Tennessee, 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991). The murder of Tracey Saunders has caused the victim's family extreme emotional suffering, and the victim's family has suffered severe and irreparable harm. 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991).

2. **Obstruction of Justice**. The defendant committed the offense with the intent to prevent the victim from or to retaliate against the victim for providing information and assistance to law enforcement authorities in regard to the

investigation or prosecution of the commission or possible commission of another offense, as charged in Counts 11 and 12 of the third superseding indictment.

3. **Future Dangerousness of the Defendant.** The defendant is likely to commit criminal acts of violence in the future that would be a continuing and serious threat to the lives and safety of others. See Simmons v. South Carolina, 512 U.S. 154 (1994). The evidence supporting this factor includes, but is not limited to, the acts and offenses alleged in the third superseding indictment and the allegations set forth in this Notice, and also includes that the defendant has engaged in other criminal acts of violence involving firearms.

4. **Contemporaneous Convictions.** The defendant has committed additional murders as charged in the Third Superseding Indictment.

D. Statutory Proportionality Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, with regard to each of Counts 15, and 16, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in the Third Superseding Indictment, that:

1. The defendant intentionally killed Antonio Rykard, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(A);
2. The defendant intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury that resulted in the death of Antonio Rykard, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(B); and

E. Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in the Third Superseding Indictment that:

1. The defendant committed the offenses in Counts 15, and 16 after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Antonio Rykard, 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9);

F. Non-Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove:

1. **Impact on the Victim.** The Defendant, VINCENT WILLIAMS, caused injury, harm and loss to the family of Antonio Rykard because of the victim's personal characteristics as an individual human being and the impact of the death upon the victim's family. Payne v. Tennessee, 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991). The murder of Antonio Rykard has caused the victim's family extreme emotional suffering, and the victim's family has suffered severe and irreparable harm. 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991).

2. **Obstruction of Justice.** The defendant committed the offense with the intent to prevent the victim from or to retaliate against the victim for providing information and assistance to law enforcement authorities in regard to the investigation or prosecution of the commission or possible commission of another offense, as charged in Counts 15 and 16 of the third superseding indictment.

3. **Future Dangerousness of the Defendant.** The defendant is likely to commit criminal acts of violence in the future that would be a continuing and serious threat to the lives and safety of others. See Simmons v. South Carolina, 512 U.S. 154 (1994). The evidence supporting this factor includes, but is not limited to, the acts and offenses alleged in the third superseding indictment and the allegations set forth in this Notice, and also includes that the defendant has engaged in other criminal acts of violence involving firearms.

4. **Contemporaneous Convictions.** The defendant has committed additional murders as charged in the Third Superseding Indictment.

G. Statutory Proportionality Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, with regard to Count 22, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in

the third superseding indictment, that:

1. The defendant intentionally participated in one or more acts, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the offense, and Karriem Washington died as a direct result of such act or acts, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C); and
2. The defendant intentionally and specifically engaged in one or more acts of violence, knowing that the act or acts created a grave risk of death to a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, such that participation in such act or acts constituted a reckless disregard for human life, and Karriem Washington died as a direct result of such act or acts, 18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(D).

H. Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove, as set forth in the Notice of Special Findings in the third superseding indictment that:

1. The defendant committed the offense in Count 22 after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Karriem Washington, 18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9);

I. Non-Statutory Aggravating Factors. At a death penalty hearing, the United States will prove:

1. **Impact on the Victim**. The Defendant, VINCENT WILLIAMS, caused injury, harm and loss to the family of Karriem Washington because of the victim's personal characteristics as an individual human being and the impact of the death upon the victim's family. Payne v. Tennessee, 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991). The murder of Karriem Washington has caused the victim's family extreme emotional suffering, and the victim's family has suffered

severe and irreparable harm. 501 U.S. 808, 825-827 (1991).

2. **Future Dangerousness of the Defendant.** The defendant is likely to commit criminal acts of violence in the future that would be a continuing and serious threat to the lives and safety of others. See Simmons v. South Carolina, 512 U.S. 154 (1994). The evidence supporting this factor includes, but is not limited to, the acts and offenses alleged in the third superseding indictment and the allegations set forth in this Notice, and also includes that the defendant has engaged in other criminal acts of violence involving firearms.

3. **Contemporaneous Convictions.** The defendant has committed additional murders as charged in the Third Superseding Indictment.

The United States further gives notice that, in support of 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 third superseding indictment as they relate to the background and character of the defendant, **VINCENT WILLIAMS**, his moral culpability, and the nature and circumstances of the offenses charged in the third superseding indictment.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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