

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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Four Executions in Two Days Indicate US Execution Spike; Protests Planned in Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma & Alabama

Oklahoma City - Four states planning executions this week put the United States on track to have the most executions in a single month since January, 2015. Texas executed one prisoner last week and plans another on Nov 16th. Arizona also plans an execution on the 16th, and Oklahoma and Alabama plan executions on the 17th. Litigation is pending in all but one. If all are carried out, Missouri's planned November 30th execution would be the 6th execution within the month of November.

Death Penalty Action, a national organization opposing all executions in the United States, is coordinating protest activities and convenes live virtual vigils which tie a global on-line community to local protests at prisons and capital cities where simultaneous protests are taking place.

"Polls suggest a slight majority of Americans support executions, but that support slips when respondents are asked if they prefer throwing away the key rather than killing a tiny percentage of those convicted of homicide," said Abraham Bonowitz, executive director of Death Penalty Action. "We know we can be safe from people who have done terrible things, and hold them accountable, without executions. That is what we do in the vast majority of cases.

This week's spike in executions features a man claiming innocence (AZ), a man so crippled he can't move his arms and will require a wheelchair to get to the death chamber (TX), and a mentally ill US Marine veteran (OK). All eyes are also on Alabama, where the last two execution attempts included the torture of the prisoner with multiple attempts to establish an IV. In

September the Alabama prisoner became the fourth man since executions resumed in 1977 to go back to his cell alive after corrections workers failed to complete a task that no state worker should be burdened with.

Earlier today the following information was distributed to over half a million people signed up to help oppose executions via DeathPenaltyAction.org. Abraham Bonowitz and Charles Keith will travel on behalf of the organization to support protests in Oklahoma, which is preparing to carry out the third of 25 execution dates recently announced in that state. Death Penalty Action co-founder, Scott Langley, is representing the organization among over 1000 delegates gathered this week in Berlin for the World Congress Against the Death Penalty.

Petition deliveries will take place or have taken place as follows:

- DELIVERED Monday at 9am ET: Texas Board of Pardons & Paroles via e-mail
- DELIVERED TODAY at 1pm CT: Missouri State Capitol - Governor's Office
- DELIVERED TODAY at 3pm MT: Arizona State Capitol - Governor's Office
- Wednesday at 1pm: Texas Governor via email
- Wednesday at 1pm: Alabama State Capitol - Governor's Office (Gather at front steps at 12:45pm CT)
- Wednesday at 4pm CT: Oklahoma State Capitol - Governor's Office (Gather in Capitol Rotunda at 3:45pm)

48 Hours of Shame - Four Execution Vigils Week of Nov. 16 & 17, 2022

IN-PERSON Execution protests are scheduled locally and at the prisons (except AL) - see state anti-DP group web pages linked below for details.

Join with Death Penalty Action for a live, informative and prayerful on-line vigil beginning one hour prior to the scheduled execution. We'll continue until the execution is either stayed or completed.

[REGISTER ONCE at bit.ly/48HoursOfShame](http://bit.ly/48HoursOfShame). The same link will work for all four vigils.

- Nov. 16: Murray Hooper in AZ - Vigil Starts at 9am Mountain Time (MT). Execution is scheduled for 10am MT.
- Nov. 16: Stephen Barbee in TX - Vigil starts at 5pm Central Time (CT). Execution is scheduled for 6pm CT.
- Nov. 17: Richard Fairchild in OK - Vigil starts at 9am CT. Execution is scheduled for 10am CT
- Nov 17: Kenneth Smith in AL - Vigil starts at 5pm CT. Execution is scheduled for 6pm CT

If your community has bells, [toll them for two minutes](#) at the time of the scheduled executions.

- **November 16, 2022 at 10:00 am MT: [Murray Hooper in Arizona](#)** - Murray Hooper is scheduled for execution in Arizona on November 16, 2022 for his alleged 1980 murders of Patrick Redmond and Helen Phelps. Murray Hooper has always maintained his innocence. Call Governor Doug Ducey at 602-542-4331. LOCAL PROTEST INFO IS AT <https://www.azdeathpenalty.org/events>. (Also at 9am MT at the Prison in Florence. Navigate to the "Blue Mist Hotel," which is right across the street from the protest site.

- **November 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm CT:** [Stephen Barbee in Texas](#): Stephen Barbee is scheduled for execution in Texas on November 16, 2022 for the 2005 murders of Lisa Underwood, her unborn child and her son Jayden. He is now so ill that he will require a wheelchair to get to the execution chamber. Call Gov. Greg Abbott at 512-463-1782. LOCAL PROTEST INFO - Outside the Huntsville "Walls" Unit starting at 5pm. (If you will be there and would join the Zoom vigil to give local connection, please reply to this message.)
- **November 17, 2022 at 10:00 am CT:** [Richard Fairchild in Oklahoma](#): Richard Fairchild is on death row in Oklahoma for the 1993 murder of Adam Broomhall and is scheduled for execution on November 17, 2022. Richard Fairchild is a US Marine veteran and severely mentally ill. Call Governor Kevin Stitt at 405-521-2342. LOCAL PROTEST INFO: 9am at Governor's Mansion in OKC and the prison in McAlester.
- **November 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm CT:** [Kenneth Smith in Alabama](#): Kenneth Smith is scheduled for execution in Alabama on November 17, 2022 for the 1988 murder of Elizabeth Sennett. Smith's jury voted 11-1 to sentence him to life in prison, but a judge overrode that recommendation. We are also watching to see if the state of Alabama can kill him without hours of torture first, as happened behind closed curtains in the most recent two executions. Call Governor Kay Ivey at 334-242-7100. LOCAL PROTEST INFO IS at <http://www.phadp.org/?q=node/561>
- **November 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm CT:** [Kevin Johnson in Missouri](#): Kevin "KJ" Johnson, a Black youth, is scheduled for execution in Missouri on November 29, 2022 for the 2005 murder of a white Kirkwood police officer, William McEntee, a crime committed when he was 19 years old. Despite many erroneous and unfair court rulings, grossly ineffective counsel, and racist prosecutorial policies, KJ now faces execution. Call Governor Mike Parson at 573-751-3222. LOCAL PROTEST INFO IS HERE: <https://www.madpmo.org/>