

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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Littlejohn Spiritual Advisor To Hold Press Conference Immediately Following Execution or Clemency

Execution Protests Set For OKC, McAlester

McAlester, Oklahoma - Rev. Dr. Jeff Hood, Clergy of Record and Spiritual Advisor to Emmanuel Littlejohn, will address the media in the established protest zone on the road approaching Oklahoma State Penitentiary immediately following the execution or the granting of executive clemency. Hood will be inside the Penitentiary to minister to the spiritual needs of Mr. Littlejohn as he awaits a determination by Governor Stitt regarding the recommendation for clemency in this case by the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. Regardless of outcome, reporters are invited to meet Rev. Hood upon his departure from the prison.

Technology permitting, Rev. Hood's comments will be live-streamed on the [live virtual execution protest vigil](#) managed by Death Penalty Action, which starts at 9am CDT. The media and the public are welcome to join the zoom audience by [registering here](#). Permission is granted to the media to record and broadcast this live streamed event.

Should the execution not be halted, starting at 9am on Thursday, September 26, Oklahoma death penalty opponents from numerous organizations opposed to executions will express their opposition to the killing of Emmanuel Littlejohn at the following locations:

- Governor's Mansion in Oklahoma City
- Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester
- St. Joseph Monastery, 2200 South Lewis in **Tulsa** - (A prayer service will begin at 9:45am in the monastery's oratory. All are welcome. However, members of the media are asked to respect the privacy of the community.)
- St. Scholastica Adoration Chapel at the Church of Saint Benedict, 2200 West Itasca, **Broken Arrow**: No formal prayer vigil is planned. However, the chapel will be open for those wishing to pray for this intention.
- **LIVE VIRTUAL VIGIL**: Media is welcome via Zoom at [Bit.ly/EmmanuelLittlejohnVV](https://bit.ly/EmmanuelLittlejohnVV) (live-streamed on Death Penalty Action social media sites). Participation in the on-line virtual vigil is expected to include participants from the prison and governor's mansion protests as well as friends of Littlejohn. **Following the execution, Spiritual Advisor Jeff Hood will join the event to relay his experiences of Littlejohn's final moments.**

"We remain hopeful that Governor Stitt will do the right thing and allow Mr. Littlejohn to live," said Abraham Bonowitz, executive director of Death Penalty Action, a national organization mobilizing opposition to executions in Oklahoma and across the United States. "It is sad that Governor Stitt continues to allow executions when at least 78% of Oklahomans support a halt to executions. Littlejohn acknowledges his role in the robbery, but we do know with certainty that he did not kill anyone. We also know that Emmanuel is no threat to anyone, and that we can be safe from people who have committed awful crimes, and hold them accountable, without executions. We know this because that is what we do in the vast majority of cases."

Regardless of the outcome of the execution, a **"Red or Green Prayer Vigil" will take place at 5pm CT on SUNDAY, September 29, 2024 at The Lazarus Community at 5808 NW 23rd St, Oklahoma City.** These vigils take place following each Oklahoma execution at the location where 25 white crosses were erected along NW 23rd St in 2022 to protest the announcement that 25 execution dates had been set. Death penalty opponents gather to add either red or green paint to one of the crosses to indicate whether the prisoner in question has been killed, or allowed to live. Thus far only one cross has been painted green, for Richard Glossip, who has survived multiple execution dates and whose case remains in limbo before the US Supreme Court.

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