

FORM **NPS-8**
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
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a. Report year

b.

Card ___ of ___ Cards

**REPORT OF INMATE UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH
NATIONAL PRISONER STATISTICS**

RETURN TO

**U.S. Census Bureau
ATTN: Governments Division
Washington, DC 20233**

Important - Please read instructions on reverse before completing this form.

1. State _____ **Inmate's Dept. of Corrections ID.** _____

2. Inmate name
Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

3. Sex - Mark (X) appropriate box.
1 Male 2 Female

4a. Ethnicity - Mark (X) appropriate box.
1 Hispanic or Latino 2 Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 3 Not known

4b. Race - Mark one or more.
1 White 2 Black or African American 3 American Indian or Alaska Native 4 Asian
5 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 6 Additional racial category in your information system - Specify _____

5. Date of birth Month _____ Year _____

6. Capital offense(s) for which imprisoned
Number of death sentences imposed _____
1 Murder 2 Rape 3 Kidnap 4 Other - Specify _____

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7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense
1 Married - Include common law marriage
2 Divorced or separated
3 Widowed
4 Never married
5 Not known

8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense
1 7th grade or less 2 8th grade 3 9th grade 4 10th grade 5 11th grade 6 12th grade - (Include GED)
7 1st year of college 8 2nd year of college 9 3rd year of college 10 4th year of college 11 More than 4 years of college 12 Not Known

9. Legal status at time of capital offense
Mark (X) appropriate box.
NOT UNDER SENTENCE
1 No charges pending
2 Charges pending
UNDER SENTENCE
3 On probation
4 On parole
5 On escape
6 Imprisoned
7 Other - Specify legal status _____
8 UNKNOWN

10a. Prior felony conviction(s) - Mark (X) appropriate box.
1 Yes 2 No 3 Unknown } *Skip to item 11*

10b. Were any of these convictions for criminal homicide?
Yes, prior conviction for
1 Murder 2 Involuntary manslaughter 3 Vehicular manslaughter
4 Attempted murder 5 Other - Specify _____
6 No 7 Unknown

11. Date of arrest for capital offense Month _____ Year _____

12. Date of conviction for capital offense Month _____ Year _____

13. Date of sentence for capital offense Month _____ Year _____

14a. Inmate status on December 31, _____.
Mark (X) appropriate box.
1 Under sentence of death - Continue with item 14b
2 Sentence of death removed - Skip to items 14c and 14d

14b. Was this inmate on escape or at a mental hospital on December 31?
1 Yes, on escape - Enter month and year of escape Month _____ Year _____
2 Yes, at a mental hospital - Enter month and year of transfer to mental hospital Month _____ Year _____
3 No

NO FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS INMATE

14c. Reason for inmate's removal from under sentence of death - Mark (X) appropriate box.
1 Executed - Enter date and skip to item 15 Month _____ Year _____
2 Deceased by other causes - Enter date and skip to item 16 Month _____ Year _____
3 Capital sentence declared unconstitutional by State or U.S. Supreme Court
4 Sentence commuted
5 Conviction affirmed, sentence overturned by appellate or higher court
6 Conviction and sentence over turned by appellate or higher court
7 Other - Specify _____
8 Information not available at this office

14d. Current status of inmate removed from sentence of death - Mark (X) the one box showing the inmate's status as of the day you fill out this report, i.e., TODAY.
1 Under new sentence of _____
2 Awaiting retrial to determine guilt
3 Awaiting resentencing only (guilt affirmed)
4 Found not guilty in retrial
5 All charges on capital offense dropped
6 Other - Specify _____
7 No action has been taken since removal from sentence of death
8 Information not available at this office

15. Method of execution - Mark (X) one box showing how the inmate was executed.
1 Lethal injection
2 Electrocution
3 Lethal gas
4 Hanging
5 Firing squad
6 Other - Specify _____

16. Cause of death other than execution
Mark (X) the appropriate box.
1 Natural causes
2 Suicide
3 Murdered by another inmate
4 Other - Specify _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete one card for each person who: (1) entered your State's correctional system under sentence of death at any time during the report year, or (2) had received a sentence of death in a previous year but was not previously reported. Attempt to answer all items.

Item b. Card of Cards. Complete this item to insure proper accounting of all persons under sentence of death in your correctional system who have not been previously reported.

Item 4a. Ethnicity. Hispanic or Latino persons are those of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Item 4b. Race

(1) White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

(2) Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

(3) American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

(4) Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

(5) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

(6) Additional categories in your system. Any designation not covered by the above categories. Please specify in the space provided.

Item 5. Date of Birth. Enter two digits for month (e.g., January=01) and four digits for year.

Item 6. Capital offense for which imprisoned. Mark **only** those offenses for which a capital sentence was levied in this jurisdiction. Enter the number of death sentences the inmate received in the space provided.

Item 7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense. "Time of first imprisonment" refers to the inmate's original time of arrival **at prison** after his first sentencing to death. Separated does **not** include separation because of imprisonment.

Item 8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense. Time frame as in Item 7 above. Include high school equivalency (GED) as "12th grade."

Item 9. Legal status at time of capital offense. If the person was known to be free in all states with no criminal charges pending at the time of the offense(s) in Item 6, mark "Not under sentence – no charges pending."

Item 10a. Prior felony conviction(s). If the person was known to have been convicted of any felony **before being convicted** of the offense(s) in Item 6, mark "Yes" and answer Item 10b.

Item 10b. Prior conviction for criminal homicide. If any prior felony conviction referenced in Item 10a was for criminal homicide, mark "Yes" and mark the type(s) of criminal homicide. If convicted of a type not listed, mark "other" and specify the type.

Item 12. Date of conviction for capital offense. Generally a person receives only one conviction for a single or multiple capital offenses. In this case, enter the month and year the inmate was found guilty of the capital offense(s) in Item 6. If a person was convicted of more than one capital offense and received more than one death sentence, not all on the same date, record the **earliest date** that the person was found guilty. If a person's previous conviction for the offense(s) shown in Item 6 was overturned, but the person was subsequently retried and found guilty, enter the **most recent** month and year of conviction. **Do not** enter the date an appeal was rejected or the person was admitted to prison.

Item 13. Date of sentence for capital offense. Enter the date the person was formally sentenced to death by the court. The date must be the same as or later than the conviction date in Item 12.

Item 14a. Inmate status on December 31, ____. Indicate whether or not the inmate was under sentence of death at the end of the report year.

Item 14b. Indicate if the inmate was on escape or at a mental hospital. Enter the month and year of escape or transfer to mental hospital.

Item 14c. Reason for removal from sentence of death. Complete this item **only** if the sentence of death was removed during the report year or earlier. Mark the box which most accurately describes the means by which the death sentence was removed.

14d. Current status of Inmate removed from sentence of death. Mark the one box which best describes the inmate's legal status as of **THE DATE THIS REPORT IS COMPLETED**. If "Under new sentence", enter length of new sentence.