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Mississippi Executes Inmate Charles Crawford

PARCHMAN- Convicted killer Charles Crawford was executed by lethal injection Wednesday at the Mississippi State Penitentiary.

The execution procedures began at 6 p.m., and Crawford, 59, was pronounced dead at 6:15 p.m. CDT. The Mississippi Department of Corrections carried out the order issued by the Mississippi Supreme Court on September 12, 2025. The U.S. Supreme Court denied Crawford's request for a stay and did not hear an appeal. On Monday, Governor Reeves denied Crawford's Clemency request. Before the execution, the state supreme court had denied motions for a stay.

On April 23, 1994, Crawford was sentenced to death for the rape, kidnapping, and murder of 20-year-old Kristy Ray. The case was tried in Lafayette County after being moved from Tippah County.

Ray was kidnapped from her parents' home on January 29, 1993, in Tippah County, Mississippi, transported to a secluded area, then raped and fatally stabbed. At the time of her death, Crawford was being prosecuted for the 1991 kidnapping and rape of one woman and the aggravated assault of another.

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