

No. SC2026-0336

EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

MICHAEL L. KING,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

**ON APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Lower Tribunal No.: 582008CF001087XXXANC**

INDEX TO APPENDIX TO APPELLANT BRIEF

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APPENDIX TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNDER DEATH WARRANT

Appendix A- Judgment and Sentence

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ATTACHMENT A

Judgment and Sentence

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

DIVISION: CRIMINAL	JUDGMENT
CASE NUMBER: 2008 CF 001087 NC	
PLAINTIFF	VS. DEFENDANT
STATE OF FLORIDA	MICHAEL L KING

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Probation Violator Community Control Violator Retrial Resentence

The Defendant, **MICHAEL L KING** being personally before this Court represented by **CAROLYN SCHLEMMER**, the attorney of record and the State represented by **LON S. AREND** and having:

(Check Applicable Provision) 1. Been tried and found **GUILTY** by jury/by Court of the following crime(s)
 2. Entered a plea of GUILTY to the following crime(s)
 3. Entered a plea of NOLO CONTENDRE to the following crime(s)

COUNT	CRIME	OFFENSE STATUTE NUMBER(S)	DEGREE OF CRIMES	CASE NUMBER	OBTS NUMBER
1	MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE	782.04(1) (a) and 775.087(2) (a) (3)	1 st Degree Felony	2008 CF 001087 NC	5801120105

(Check If Applicable) and no cause being shown why the Defendant should not be adjudicated guilty, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Defendant is hereby **ADJUDICATED GUILTY** of the above crime(s).
 and having been convicted or found guilty of, or having entered a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE or GUILTY, regardless of adjudication, to attempts or offenses relating to sexual battery (ch. 794), lewd and lascivious conduct (ch. 800), or murder (\$782.04), aggravated battery (\$784.045), car jacking (\$812.133), or home invasion robbery (\$812.135), or any other offense specified in section 943.325, the defendant shall be required to submit blood specimens.
 and good cause being shown; IT IS ORDERED THAT ADJUDICATION OF GUILT BE WITHHELD.

Pursuant to the provisions of §960.29-960.293, Florida Statutes, a lien is hereby imposed in favor of the State of Florida and/or Sarasota County as follows:

- Defendant was convicted for an offense other than a capital or life felony. This lien is for liquidated damages in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day of the defendant's sentence.
- Defendant was convicted for a capital or life felony. This lien is for liquidated damages in the amount of two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).

ALL LIQUIDATED DAMAGE SUMS BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE SET FORTH IN §55.03, FLORIDA STATUTES.

DONE AND ORDERED in open court at Sarasota, Florida, this 28TH day of AUGUST, 2009.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail/hand delivery to the below listed parties. Witness my hand and official seal this 15 day of Sept, 2009.

WARREN E. RUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Deputy Clerk

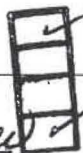
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SARASOTA COUNTY











STATE ATTORNEY
SARASOTA COUNTY
ARMY PROBATION
DEFENDANT
DEF ATTORNEY Schlemmer



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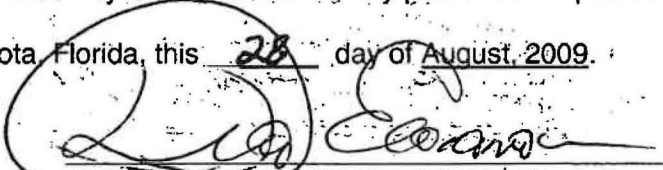
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Fingerprints taken by: Dep W. Castle 1285 Name Deputy Title

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing fingerprints are the fingerprints of the Defendant, **MICHAEL L KING** and that they were placed thereon by said Defendant in my presence in open court of this date.

DONE AND ORDERED in open court at Sarasota, Florida, this 28 day of August, 2009.


 CIRCUIT JUDGE DENO ECONOMOU



STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF SARASOTA
 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of pages 1 through 2 of the instrument filed in this office. The original instrument filed contains 2 pages.
 This copy has no redactions. This copy has been redacted pursuant to law.
 Witness my hand and official seal this 17 day of July, 2009.
 KAREN E. BUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: [Signature]
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

DIVISION: CRIMINAL

CASE NUMBER: 2008 CF 001087 NC

PLAINTIFF: STATE OF FLORIDA

VS. DEFENDANT: MICHAEL L KING

***AMENDED JUDGMENT**

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- Probation Violator Community Control Violator Retrial Resentence

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DONE AND ORDERED in open court at Sarasota, Florida, this 28TH day of AUGUST, 2009.

***AMENDED 9/17/09 TO REFLECT THE CORRECT DEGREE OF CRIME; NUNC PRO TUNC**

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 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 SARASOTA COUNTY, FL

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
 I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail/hand delivery to the below listed parties. Witness my hand and official seal this 21 day of SEPT, 2009.
 KAREN E. RUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Deputy Clerk

[Signature]
 CIRCUIT JUDGE DENO ECONOMOU

STATE ATTORNEY
SAL ARMY PROBATION
DEFENDANT
DEF ATTORNEY



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**DEFENDANT WAS PREVIOUSLY PRINTED AND
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July, 2008

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DIVISION CRIMINAL	CASE NUMBER: 2008 CF 001087 NC OBTS NUMBER: 5801120105
PLAINTIFF STATE OF FLORIDA	VS. DEFENDANT MICHAEL L KING
SENTENCE AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS	

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FL

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SENTENCE
(As to Count 1)

The Defendant, being personally before this Court, accompanied by the Defendant's attorney of record, **CAROLYN SCHLEMMER**, and having been adjudicated guilty herein, and the Court having given the Defendant opportunity to be heard and to offer matters in mitigation of sentence, and to show cause why the Defendant should not be sentenced as provided by law, and no cause being shown,

(Check one if applicable)

- and the Court having on **8/28/2009** deferred imposition of sentence until this date
- and the Court having previously entered a judgment in this case on now re-sentences the Defendant
- and the Court having placed the Defendant on probation community control and having subsequently revoked the Defendant's probation community control

IT IS THE SENTENCE OF THE COURT THAT:

- The Defendant pay a fine of \$, pursuant to § 775.083, Florida Statutes, plus \$ as the 5% surcharge required by § 938.04, Florida Statutes.
- The Defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the **Department of Corrections**.
- The Defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Sarasota County, Florida
- The Defendant is sentenced as a youthful offender in accordance with § 958.04, Florida Statutes

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TO BE IMPRISONED (check one; unmarked sections are inapplicable):

- For a term of natural life
- For a term of **DEATH**.
- Said SENTENCE SUSPENDED for a period of subject to conditions set forth in this Order



If "split" sentence, complete the appropriate paragraph.

Followed by a period of on probation community control under the supervision of the Department of Corrections according to the terms and conditions of supervision set forth in a separate order entered herein.

However, after serving a period of imprisonment in , the balance of the sentence shall be suspended and the Defendant shall be placed on probation community control for a period of under the supervision of the Department of Corrections according to the terms and conditions of probation community control set forth in a separate order entered herein.

In the event the Defendant is ordered to serve additional split sentences, all incarceration portions shall be satisfied before the Defendant begins service of the supervision terms.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(As to Count 1)

By appropriate notation, the following provisions apply to the sentence imposed:

MANDATORY/MINIMUM PROVISIONS:

- Firearm** It is further ordered that the 3-year minimum 10-year minimum 20-year minimum 25 year to Life minimum imprisonment provisions of §775.087(2), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count. Pursuant to the 25 year to Life minimum imprisonment provision of §775.087(2), Florida Statutes (if checked above) the court imposes a minimum imprisonment sentence of
- Drug Trafficking** It is further ordered that the mandatory minimum imprisonment provision of § 893.135(1), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count.
- Controlled Substance Within 1,000 Feet of School** It is further ordered that the 3-year minimum imprisonment provision of § 893.12(1)(e)1, Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count.
- Habitual Felony Offender** The Defendant is adjudicated a habitual felony offender and has been sentenced to an extended term in accordance with the provisions of § 775.084(4)(a), Florida Statutes. The requisite findings by the Court are set forth in a separate order or stated on the record in open court.
- Habitual Violent Felony Offender** The Defendant is adjudicated a habitual violent felony offender and has been sentenced to an extended term in accordance with the provisions of § 775.084(4)(b), Florida Statutes. A minimum term of year(s) must be served prior to release. The requisite findings of the Court are set forth in a separate order or stated on the record in open court.
- Law Enforcement Protection Act** It is further ordered that the Defendant shall serve a minimum of year(s) before release in accordance with § 790.0823, Florida Statutes.
- Capital Offense** It is further ordered that the Defendant shall serve no less than 25 years in accordance with provisions of § 775.082(1), Florida Statutes.
- Short-Barreled Rifle, Shotgun, Machine Gun** It is further ordered that the 5-year minimum sentence provisions of § 790.221(2), Florida Statutes, are hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count.
- Continuing Criminal Enterprise** It is further ordered that the 25-year minimum sentence provisions of § 893.20, Florida Statutes, are hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count.
- Taking a Law Enforcement Officer's Firearm** It is further ordered that the 3-year mandatory minimum imprisonment provision of § 775.0875(1), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed for the sentence specified in this count.

OTHER PROVISIONS:

- Retention of Jurisdiction** The Court retains jurisdiction over the Defendant pursuant to § 947.16(4)(a), Florida Statutes.
- Jail Credit** It is further ordered that the Defendant shall be allowed a total of **684 DAYS** as credit for time incarcerated before imposition of this sentence.
- Prison Credit** It is further ordered that the Defendant be allowed credit for all time previously served on this count in the Department of Corrections prior to re-sentencing.
- Consecutive/Concurrent as to Other Counts** It is further ordered that the sentence imposed for this county shall run consecutive to concurrent with the sentence set forth in count of this case.
- Consecutive/Concurrent as to Other Convictions** It is further ordered that the composite term of all sentences imposed for the counts specified in the Order shall run consecutive to concurrent with the following: *(check one)*
 - any active sentence being served
 - specific sentences of **CASE #08-CF-936.**

In the event the above sentence is to the Department of Corrections, the Sheriff of SARASOTA County, Florida is hereby ordered and directed to deliver the Defendant to the Department of Corrections at the facility designated by the Department together with a copy of the Judgment and Sentence and any other documents specified by Florida Statute.

The Defendant in open court was advised of the right to appeal from this sentence by filing notice of appeal within thirty (30) days from this date with the Clerk of the Court and the Defendant's right to the assistance of counsel in taking the appeal at the expense of the State on showing of indigence.

In imposing the above sentence, the Court further recommends: **REDUCE COURT COSTS TO JUDGMENT.**

DONE AND ORDERED in open Court at Sarasota County, Florida this 4TH day of DECEMBER, 2009.

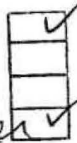


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KAREN E. RUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: K. Rushing Deputy Clerk

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ATTACHMENT B

10/22/2025 Florida Department of Corrections' Response to FOIA Request -
Part 1 through June 2025/Part 2 through Sep. 2025)

DRUG NAME Etomidate 2mg/10ml

PACKAGE SIZE 10x10ml

NDC#

DATE

INVOICE NAME/#

LOT #

EXP. DATE

MEAS

RECEIVED/USED (+/-)

BALANCE

DATE	INVOICE NAME/#	LOT #	EXP. DATE	MEAS	RECEIVED/USED (+/-)	BALANCE
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6-14-19			JUNE 202		+ 100 X	200
8-27-20			06-2021		+ 160 X	
8-27-20			01-2022		+ 40 X	400
9-11-20			06-2021		+ 60 X	460
12-14-20			06-2021		+ 30	490
12-14-20			01-2022		+ 110 ✓	600
6-28-21					- 450	150
8-06-21			07-2022		+ 120 ✓	270
2-3-22			01-2022		- 150	120
12-08-22			07-2022		- 120	0
2-20-23			11-2024		+ 40	40
3-02-23			12-2024		+ 50	90
3-06-23			12/2024		+ 50	140
1-3-2025			11-2024		- 40	100
1-3-25			12-2024		- 50	50
1-3-25			12-2024		- 50	0
4/21/25			01-2027		+ 100	100

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DRUG NAME Potassium Acetate 2mEq/mL 20mL PACKAGE SIZE 25x20mL

NDC# [REDACTED]

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10-3-23			12/2024		-12	276
8-29-24			12/2024		-12	264
1-3-2025			12-2024		-64	200
2-13-25			10-2025		-12	188
3/20/25			10-2025		-12	176
3/18/25			11/30/26		+25	201
3/18/25			9/30/26		+50	251
4/7/25			9/30/26		+25	276
4/7/25			4/30/27		+50	326
4/8/25			10-2025		-12	314
4/16/25			9/30/26		-25	289
5/1/25			10-2025		-12	277
5/15/25			10-2025		-12	265
6/12/25			10-2025		-7	258
6/25/25			10-2025		-17	241
7/16/25			10-2025		-12	229

DRUG NAME ROCURONIUM 100mg/10ml PACKAGE SIZE 10 X 10 ml

NDC# [REDACTED]

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1-3-2025	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03/2026	[REDACTED]	+ 30	120
3-6-2024	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03/2026	[REDACTED]	+ 100	220
3/20/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JUN 2025	[REDACTED]	- 20	200
4-2-25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mar 2026	[REDACTED]	+ 200	400
4-8-25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JUN 2025	[REDACTED]	- 20	380
4-16-25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JUN 2025	[REDACTED]	- 10	370
5/1/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JUN 2025	[REDACTED]	- 20	350
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6/25/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/2026	[REDACTED]	- 10	510
7/16/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/2026	[REDACTED]	- 20	490

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DRUG NAME SODIUM Cl 0.9% PACKAGE SIZE 12 x 1000 ml

NDC# [REDACTED]

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10-2-23			9-2023		- 20	12
02-01-24			01-2026		+ 12	24
8-29-24			4-2025		- 2	22
2-13-25			4-2025		- 2	20
3-17-25			2-2027		+ 24	44
3-17-25			2-2027		+ 24	44
3/20/25			1-2026		- 2	42
4/8/25			4-2025		- 8	34
4/8/25			1-2026		- 4	30
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6/2/25			8-2027		+ 24	62
6/12/25			1-2026		- 2	60

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INVOICE DATE 05/07/2025

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ORDER DATE 03/05/2025

SHIP DATE 05/07/2025 PIECES INVOICED 1

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GRAND TOTAL	62.83
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								NET AMOUNT							29.99			

SUB TOTAL	29.99
GRAND TOTAL	29.99
TOTAL DUE BY	06/28/2025

INVOICE DATE 06/24/2025

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ORDER DATE 04/01/2025

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			10	10	2	X		ETOMIDATE SD 2MG/ML 10X10ML	10X10	SD			> EXP: 3/27	30.03	60.06		
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								TOTAL RX					719.90				
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								NET AMOUNT					719.90				

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SUB TOTAL	719.90
GRAND TOTAL	719.90
TOTAL DUE BY	07/24/2025

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			2	2	2			SODIUM CL IS 0.9% 12X100ML EXC	12X10	IS			EXP 8/27	29.99	59.98	
-----SUMMARY-----																
									TOTAL RX			59.98				
									TOTAL OTC			0.00				
									NET AMOUNT			59.98				

SUB TOTAL	59.98
GRAND TOTAL	59.98
TOTAL DUE BY	07/02/2025

DRUG NAME: Hydroxyzine HCl 25mg/mL Package Size: 25 x 1 mL

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1/3/2025	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/31/2026	+ 25	48
2/13/2025	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3/31/2025	- 3	45
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4/2/2025	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/31/2026	+ 25	67
4/8/2025	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/31/2026	- 4	63
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7/28/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/31/2026	+ 25	82
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9/30/25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/31/2026	- 2	72

DRUG NAME Potassium Acetate 2mEq/mL 20mL PACKAGE SIZE 25x20mL

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8-29-24			12/2024		-12	264
1-3-2025			12-2024		-64	200
2-13-25			10-2025		-12	188
3/20/25			10-2025		-12	176
3/18/25			11/30/26		+25	201
3/18/25			9/30/26		+50	251
4/7/25			9/30/26		+25	276
4/7/25			4/30/27		+50	326
4/8/25			10-2025		-12	314
4/16/25			9/30/26		-25	289
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5/15/25			10-2025		-12	265
6/12/25			10-2025		-7	258
6/25/25			10-2025		-17	241
7/16/25			10-2025		-12	229
7/28/25			10-2025		-12	217
8/19/25			10-2025		-12	205
8/29/25			10-2025		-12	193

DRUG NAME Sodium chloride 0.9% PACKAGE SIZE 25 x 20ml

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8/14/24			Oct-01-2025		+50	+50
2-13-25			Oct-01-2025		-6	44
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4/2/25			07-31-2026		+50	113
4/8/25			10-01-2025		-6	107
5/1/25			10-01-2025		-6	101
5/15/25			10-01-2025		-6	95
5/23/25			7-31-2026		+50	145
6/12/25			Jul-31-2025		-6	139
6/25/25			10-01-2025		-6	133
7/16/25			10-01-2025		-7	126
7/28/25			10-31-2026		+50	176
7/28/25			10-01-2025		-6	170
8/19/25			10-01-2025		-1	169
8/19/25			7-31-2026		-5	164
8/28/25			7-31-2026		-6	158
9/17/25			7-31-2026		-6	152
9/30/25			7-31-2026		-6	146

DRUG NAME: Rocuronium 100mg/10ml Package Size: 10 x 10mL (10 per box)

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3/20/25				6/31/2025	- 20	200
4/2/25				3/31/2025	+ 200	400
4/8/25				6/31/2025	- 20	380
4/16/25				6/31/2025	- 10	370
4/23/25				10/31/2026	+ 30	400
4/23/25				3/31/2026	+ 70	470
5/1/25				6/31/2025	- 20	450
5/23/25				10/31/2026	+ 100	550
6/9/25				6/31/2025	- 10	540
6/12/25				6/31/2025	- 10	530
6/12/25				3/31/2026	- 10	520
6/25/25				3/31/2026	- 10	510
7/16/25				3/31/2026	- 20	490
7/28/25				10/31/2026	+ 240	730
7/28/25				3/31/2026	- 20	710
7/28/25				10/31/2026	- 10	700
9/17/25				3/31/2026	- 15	685
9/30/25				3/31/2026	- 20	665

INVOICE DATE 07/28/2025

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ORDER DATE 07/25/2025

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			24	24	3			ROCURONIUM MD 10MG/ML 10X10ML	10X10	MD				21.66	64.98	
			36	36	22			ROCURONIUM MD 10MG/ML 10X5ML	10X5M	MD				20.48	450.56	
			36	36	14			ROCURONIUM MD 10MG/ML 10X5ML	10X5M	MD				20.48	286.72	
			5	5	5			ETOMIDATE SD 2MG/ML 10X20ML	10X20	SD				41.73	208.65	
			1	1	1			HYDROXYZ HCL SD 25MG/ML 25X1ML	25X1M	SD				459.02	459.02	
			2	2	2			LIDOCAINE HCL MD 1% 25X10ML	25X10	MD				18.93	37.86	
			5	5	1			POTASS ACET SD 2MEQ/ML25X20ML FTV	25X20	SD				77.38	77.38	
			2	2	2			POTASS ACET SD 2MEQ/ML25X50ML FTV	25X50	SD				254.85	509.30	
			2	2	2			SODIUM CL SF 0.9% 25X20ML	25X20	SF				54.38	108.76	

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SUMMARY

TOTAL RX 2,967.61
TOTAL OTC 0.00
NET AMOUNT 2,967.61

SUB TOTAL	2,967.61
GRAND TOTAL	2,967.61
TOTAL DUE BY	08/27/2025

Invoice



Invoice Date: 9/18/2025

Order Date: 9/15/2025

Customer P.O. [Redacted]	Terms: Due Date Net 30: 10/18/2025	Account Manager: [Redacted]	Ship VIA GROUND	Customer Number: [Redacted]
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NDC#	Ordered	Shipped	Remaining	Price Each	Amount
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ETOMIDATE 20MG SDV 10X10ML					
[Redacted]		Expiration date: 4/30/2027		Lot Qty: 48.00	✓
[Redacted]		Expiration date: 4/30/2027		Lot Qty: 2.00	✓



Net Invoice:	3,450.00
Less Discount:	0.00
Freight:	36.49
Sales Tax:	0.00
Invoice Total:	3,486.49

ATTACHMENT C

Execution by Lethal Injection Procedures, dated Feb. 18, 2025



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

GOVERNOR
RON DESANTIS

SECRETARY
RICKY DIXON

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I have carefully reviewed the Execution by Lethal Injection Procedures issued by my Department. Pursuant to these procedures, I represent the following:

As Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, I have reviewed the Department's Execution by Lethal Injection Procedures to ensure proper implementation of the Department's statutory duties under Chapter 922, Florida Statutes. The procedure has been reviewed and is compatible with evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society, the concepts of the dignity of man, and advances in science, research, pharmacology, and technology. The process will not involve unnecessary lingering or the unnecessary or wanton infliction of pain and suffering. The foremost objective of the lethal injection process is a humane and dignified death. Additional guiding principles of the lethal injection process are that it should not be of long duration, and that while the entire process of execution should be transparent, the concerns and emotions of all those involved must be addressed.

I hereby certify that the Department is prepared to administer an execution by lethal injection and has the necessary procedures, equipment, facilities, and personnel in place to do so. The Department has available the appropriate persons who meet the minimum qualifications under Florida Statutes and in addition have the education, training, or experience, including the necessary licensure or certification, required to perform the responsibilities or duties specified and to anticipate contingencies that might arise during the execution procedure.

Sincerely,

Ricky D. Dixon
Secretary



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

GOVERNOR
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RICKY DIXON

EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: To establish the procedures for the execution by lethal injection of inmates sentenced to death, pursuant to the dictates of Chapter 922, Florida Statutes and adhering to the requirements imposed under the Constitution of the State of Florida and the United States Constitution. The foremost objective of the lethal injection process is a humane and dignified death.

APPLICATION: This procedure applies to any execution by lethal injection conducted pursuant to Chapter 922, Florida Statutes. This procedure supersedes the Florida Department of Corrections *Execution by Lethal Injection Procedures* dated March 10, 2023.

DEFINITIONS:

- (1) **Execution team**, where used herein, refers to correctional staff and other persons who are selected by the team warden designated by the Secretary to assist in the administration of an execution by lethal injection, and who have the training and qualifications, including the necessary licensure or certification, required to perform the responsibilities or duties specified. Individuals on the execution team will be referred to as “execution team member” or “team member” in these procedures.
- (2) **Executioner**, where used herein, refers to an individual selected by the team warden to initiate the flow of lethal chemicals into the inmate. The executioner’s sole function is to inject the chemicals into the IV access port by physically pushing the chemicals from the syringe. The executioner is only authorized to carry out this specific function under the direction of the team warden. An executioner shall be an adult, undergo a criminal background check and be sufficiently trained to administer the flow of lethal chemicals. The executioner must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the team warden that s/he is competent, trained, and of sufficient character to carry out the required function under the team warden’s direction.
- (3) **Institutional warden**, where used herein, refers to the warden of Florida State Prison, who shall be responsible for handling support functions necessary to carry out the lethal injection process.
- (4) **Minister of religion**, where used herein, refers to a spiritual advisor requested by an inmate to attend an execution as permitted by section 922.11, Florida Statutes. The name of the requested minister of religion must be provided by the inmate to the institutional warden in writing on FDC Form DC6-236 within five days of the issuance of the Governor’s Warrant of Execution. A minister of religion shall be an adult and shall undergo a criminal background check. The institutional warden shall also conduct a review process of the individual as described in Florida Department of Corrections rules and policies applicable to visitor approvals and to spiritual advisor visits. Such a

review will be performed even if the requested minister of religion has been previously approved for regular visitation purposes. Prior to final approval, the institutional warden may also conduct interviews of the requested minister of religion or their associates. The institutional warden may undertake any investigation necessary to verify that the minister of religion is recognized by their organized religious body as qualified to perform religious functions as a representative of the religious organization or group. The institutional warden may waive any component of the review process if the requested minister of religion is a chaplain currently employed by the Florida Department of Corrections. Candidates not employed by the Florida Department of Corrections must also execute a Spiritual Advisor Execution Agreement. The agreement is attached hereto as Appendix A.

- (5) **Team warden**, where used herein, refers to the warden designated by the Secretary. The team warden shall be a person who has demonstrated through experience, training, and good moral character the ability to perform an execution by lethal injection. The team warden has the final and ultimate decision making authority in every aspect of the lethal injection process. No deviation from any part of this procedure is authorized unless approved and directed by the team warden.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

- (1) **Receipt of Warrant:** These execution procedures will commence upon receipt of the Governor's Warrant of Execution. The institutional warden will schedule the execution for a date and time certain that is within the period of time designated in the warrant. The institutional warden will provide a copy of the Warrant of Execution to the Department's Secretary and General Counsel, deliver a copy to the named inmate and the team warden, and notify the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), any state correctional institutions, and any local agencies that may be affected by the issuance of the warrant and of the date and time selected for the execution.
- (2) **Selection of the Executioners:**
- (a) The team warden will select two (2) executioners who are fully capable of performing the designated functions to carry out the execution. The team warden will provide each executioner with a copy of this procedure and will explain fully their respective duties and responsibilities and assure that each executioner is trained for the function assigned. The identities of the executioners will be kept strictly confidential as provided by statute.
- (b) The team warden will designate one (1) of the selected executioners as the primary executioner and the other as the secondary executioner. The primary executioner will be solely responsible for administering the flow of lethal chemicals into the inmate during the execution. The secondary executioner will be present and available during the execution to assume the role of the primary executioner if the primary executioner becomes unable for any reason, as determined by the team warden, to carry out his/her functions.
- (3) **Selection of the Execution Team:** The team warden will designate the execution team members and verify that each team member has the training and qualifications, and possesses current, necessary licensure or certification, required to perform the responsibilities or duties specified. The team warden will ensure that all execution team members and other involved

staff have been adequately trained to perform their requisite functions in the execution process. The team warden shall select personnel with sufficient training and experience to perform the technical procedures needed to carry out an execution by lethal injection, including the mixing of the chemicals and placement of the venous access lines. The identities of any team members with medical qualifications shall be strictly confidential.

- (a) The team warden shall select the team member(s) responsible for achieving and monitoring peripheral venous access from the following classes of trained professionals: a phlebotomist currently certified by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT) or American Medical Technologists (AMT); a paramedic or emergency medical technician, certified under Chapter 401, Florida Statutes; a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes; or, a physician or physician's assistant licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.
- (b) The team warden shall select the team member(s) responsible for achieving and monitoring central venous access, if necessary, from the following classes of trained professionals: an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes; or, a physician or physician's assistant licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.
- (c) The team warden shall select the team member(s) responsible for examining the inmate prior to execution to determine health issues from the following classes of trained professionals: a paramedic or emergency medical technician, certified under Chapter 401, Florida Statutes; a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes; or, a physician or physician's assistant licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.
- (d) The team warden shall select the team member(s) responsible for attaching the leads to the heart monitors and observing the monitors during the administration of execution from the following classes of trained professionals: a paramedic or emergency medical technician, certified under Chapter 401, Florida Statutes; a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes; or, a physician or physician's assistant licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.
- (e) The team warden shall select the team member(s) responsible for purchasing, maintaining and mixing the lethal chemicals from the following classes of trained professionals: a physician, licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes; or, a pharmacist licensed under Chapter 465, Florida Statutes.
- (f) The team warden shall select other execution team members to carry out the following tasks:
 - 1. Showering and preparation of the inmate.
 - 2. Ensuring that the equipment necessary for an execution is in proper working order.
 - 3. Escorting the inmate from his/her cell to the execution chamber.
 - 4. Applying restraints to the inmate prior to applying the heart monitor leads and acquiring venous access.

5. Maintaining the open telephone line with the Office of the Governor.
6. Reporting the actions inside the executioner's room to the team warden.
7. Maintaining the checklists that detail the events surrounding the execution.
8. Escorting the minister of religion.
9. Opening and closing the window covering to the witness gallery and turning on and off the public address (PA) system.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. There may be other necessary tasks to carry out an execution and such tasks will be assigned by the team warden.

Each execution team member is responsible and authorized to raise concerns that become apparent during the execution and bring them to the attention of the team warden.

- (4) **Training of the Execution Team and Executioners:** There shall be sufficient training to ensure that all personnel involved in the execution process are prepared to carry out their distinct roles for an execution. All team members shall be instructed on the effects of each lethal chemical. All simulations or reviews of the process shall be considered training exercises. The team warden, or his/her designee, will conduct simulations of the execution process on a quarterly basis at a minimum or more often as needed as determined by the team warden. Additionally, a simulation shall be conducted prior to the scheduled execution. All persons involved with the execution should participate in the simulations. If a person cannot attend the simulation, the team warden shall provide for an additional training opportunity or otherwise ensure that the person is adequately trained to complete his or her assigned task. There shall be a written record of any training activities. The simulations should anticipate various contingencies. Examples of possible contingencies shall include:

- (a) Issues related to problems with equipment needed to carry out an execution.
- (b) Problems related to venous access of the inmate, including the necessity to obtain an alternate venous access site during the execution process.
- (c) The inmate is not rendered unconscious after the administration of the etomidate injection.
- (d) Combative inmate.
- (e) Incapacity of any execution team member or executioner.
- (f) Unanticipated medical emergency concerning the inmate, an execution team member or executioner.
- (g) Problems related to the order and security at the Florida State Prison, including but not limited to disturbances, unrest or resistance.
- (h) Power failure or other facility problems.

This list is not meant to be exhaustive and only provides examples of the types of contingencies that could arise during the course of an execution. The team warden is responsible for ensuring that training addresses, at a minimum, the above situations.

- (5) **Use of Checklists:** Compliance with this procedure will be documented on appropriate checklists. Upon completion of each step in the process, an execution team member will indicate when the step has been completed. Prior to the administration of the lethal chemicals, the team warden will consult with the designated team member and verify that all steps in the process have been performed properly. At the conclusion of the process, the team warden will again consult with the designated team member and verify that the remaining steps in the process were performed properly. The team warden will then sign the forms, attesting that all steps were performed properly.
- (6) **Purchase and Maintenance of Lethal Chemicals:** A designated execution team member will purchase, and at all times ensure a sufficient supply of, the chemicals to be used in the lethal injection process. The designated team member will ensure that the lethal chemicals have not reached or surpassed their expiration dates. The lethal chemicals will be stored securely at all times as required by state and federal law. The FDLE agent in charge of monitoring the preparation of the chemicals shall confirm that all lethal chemicals are correct and current.
- (7) **FDLE Monitors:**
- (a) Two (2) FDLE agents shall serve as monitors and shall be responsible for observing the actions of the execution team and the condition of the condemned inmate at all times during the execution process.
 - (b) The first FDLE agent shall be located in the executioner's room and is responsible for observing the preparation of the lethal chemicals and documenting and keeping a detailed log as to what occurs in the executioner's room at a minimum of two (2) minute intervals. A copy of the log shall be provided to the team warden and shall be available at the post execution debriefings.
 - (c) The second FDLE agent shall be located in the execution chamber and will be responsible for keeping a detailed log of what is occurring in the execution chamber at a minimum of two (2) minute intervals. A copy of the log shall be provided the team warden and shall be available for the post execution debriefings.
- (8) **Approximately One (1) Week Prior to Execution:**
- (a) The team warden will designate one or more execution team members to review the inmate's medical file and to make a limited physical examination of the inmate to determine whether there are any medical issues that could potentially interfere with the proper administration of the lethal injection process. The team member(s) will verbally report his/her findings to the team warden as soon as is practicable following the file review and physical examination. The results of this examination shall be documented in the inmate's file. After reviewing the results of the examination which should include a determination of the best access site and conferring with the team member(s) that performed the examination, the team warden shall conclude what is the more suitable method of venous access (peripheral or femoral) for the lethal injection process given the individual circumstances of the condemned inmate based on all information provided.

- (b) If a team member reports any issue that could potentially interfere with the proper administration of the lethal injection process, the team warden will consult with any or all of the members of the execution team and resolve the issue.

(9) **On the Day of Execution:**

- (a) A food service director, or his/her designee, will personally prepare and serve the inmate's last meal. The inmate will be allowed to request specific food and non-alcoholic drink to the extent such food and drink costs forty dollars (\$40) or less, is available at the institution, and is approved by the food service director.
- (b) The inmate will be escorted by one (1) or more team members to the shower area where a team member of the same sex will supervise the showering of the inmate. Immediately thereafter, the inmate will be returned to his/her assigned cell and issued appropriate clothing. A designated member of the execution team will obtain and deliver the clothing to the inmate.
- (c) A designated execution team member will ensure that the telephone in the execution chamber is fully functional and that there is a fully-charged, fully-functional cellular telephone in the execution chamber. Telephone calls will be placed from the telephone to ensure proper operation. Additionally, a member of the team shall ensure that the two-way audio communication system and the visual monitoring equipment are fully functional.
- (d) A designated execution team member will ensure that the PA system is fully functional.
- (e) The only staff authorized to be in the execution chamber area are members of the execution team and others as approved by the team warden, including two monitors from FDLE.
- (f) A designated execution team member, in the presence of one or more additional team members and an independent observer from FDLE, will prepare the lethal injection chemicals as follows, ensuring that each syringe used in the lethal injection process is appropriately labeled, including the name of the chemical contained therein:
 - (1) Etomidate injection: A sterile, disposable sixty cubic centimeter (60cc) syringe and needle will be used to draw fifty milliliters (50mls) of etomidate injection 2mg/ml from one or more vials containing same, for a total of one hundred milligrams (100mg) of etomidate injection. The syringe will then be fitted with an eighteen (18) gauge, one (1) inch, blunt cannula (tube), clearly labeled with the number one (1), and placed in the first slot on a stand designed to hold eight (8) such syringes in separate slots. The stand will be clearly labeled with the letter "A." This process will be repeated with a second syringe, which will be clearly labeled with a number two (2) and placed in the second slot on stand "A." Two additional syringes will be drawn in the same manner, fitted with the blunt cannula, and clearly labeled with the numbers one (1) and two (2), respectively. These two syringes will be placed in the first two slots on a second stand that has been clearly labeled with the letter "B." All materials used to prepare these syringes will be removed from the work area and discarded pursuant to state and federal law.

- (2) Rocuronium bromide injection: A sterile, disposable sixty cubic centimeter (60cc) syringe will be used to draw five hundred milligrams (500mg) of rocuronium bromide injection from one or more vials containing same. The syringe will then be fitted with an eighteen (18) gauge, one (1) inch, blunt cannula (tube). This procedure will be repeated until there are four (4) syringes, each containing five hundred milligrams (500mg) of rocuronium bromide injection, for a total of two thousand milligrams (2000mg). Two syringes will be clearly labeled with the numbers four (4) and five (5), respectively, and placed into slots four (4) and five (5) on stand "A." This procedure will be repeated with the other two syringes, each of which will be fitted with a blunt cannula, labeled appropriately and placed in slots four (4) and five (5), respectively, on stand "B." All materials used to prepare these syringes will be removed from the work area and discarded pursuant to state and federal law.
 - (3) Potassium acetate injection: A sterile, disposable sixty cubic centimeter (60cc) syringe will be used to draw one hundred twenty milliequivalents (120mEq) of potassium acetate injection from one or more vials containing same. The syringe will then be fitted with an eighteen (18) gauge, one (1) inch blunt cannula (tube). This procedure will be repeated until there are four (4) syringes, each containing one hundred twenty milliequivalents (120mEq) of potassium acetate injection, for a total of four hundred eighty (480) milliequivalents. Two syringes will be clearly labeled with the numbers seven (7) and eight (8), respectively, and placed into slots seven (7) and eight (8) on stand "A." This procedure will be repeated with the other two syringes, each of which will be fitted with a blunt cannula, labeled appropriately, and placed in slots seven (7) and eight (8), respectively, on stand "B." All materials used to prepare these syringes will be removed from the work area and discarded pursuant to state and federal law.
 - (4) Saline solution: A sterile, disposable twenty cubic centimeter (20cc) syringe will be used to draw twenty milliliters (20ml) of sterile saline solution from one or more vials containing same. This procedure will be repeated until there are four (4) syringes, each containing twenty milliliters (20ml) of sterile saline solution, for a total of eighty (80) milliliters. Each syringe will then be fitted with an eighteen (18) gauge, one (1) inch, blunt cannula (tube). Two syringes will be clearly labeled with the numbers three (3) and six (6), respectively, and placed into slots three (3) and six (6) on stand "A." This procedure will be repeated with the other two syringes, each of which will be placed in slots three (3) and six (6), respectively, on stand "B." All materials used to prepare these syringes will be removed from the work area and discarded pursuant to state and federal law.
- (g) The execution team member who has prepared the lethal chemicals will transport them personally, in the presence of one or more additional members of the execution team, to the executioner's room. Stand "A" will be placed on the worktop for use by the primary executioner, to be used during the execution by lethal injection. Stand "B" will be placed on a shelf underneath the worktop within easy reach of the executioners should they be needed during the execution. Stand "B" will not be used unless expressly ordered to be used by the team warden. The lethal chemicals will remain secure until the executioners arrive. No one other than the executioners will have access to the lethal chemicals, unless a stay is granted, in which case the execution team member who

prepared the lethal chemicals will retrieve them from the locked room and dispose of them according to state and federal law.

- (h) A designated execution team member will prepare, using an aseptic technique, two (2) standard intravenous (IV) infusion sets, each consisting of a pre-filled, sterile plastic bag of normal saline for IV use (a solution of sodium chloride at 0.9% concentration) with an attached drip chamber, a long sterile tube fitted with a back check valve and a clamp to regulate the flow, a connector to attach to the access device, and an extension set fitted with a luer lock tip for a blood cannula to allow for the infusion of the lethal chemicals into the line. The extension set that will be used to infuse the lethal chemicals into the primary injection line will be clearly marked with a "1," and the additional extension set that will be attached to the secondary injection line will be clearly marked with a "2."
 - (i) The team warden will explain the lethal injection preparation procedure to the inmate and ensure the provision of any medical assistance or care deemed appropriate. The inmate will be offered and, if accepted, will be administered intramuscular injections of hydroxyzine, in appropriate dosages relative to weight, to ease anxiety.
 - (j) Authorized media witnesses will be picked up at the designated media on-looker area located at New River Correctional Institution by two (2) designated Department of Corrections escort staff, transported to the main entrance of Florida State Prison as a group, cleared by security, and escorted to the population visiting park, where they will remain until being escorted to the witness room of the execution chamber by the designated escort staff.
 - (k) The team warden will administer both a presumptive drug test (oral swab method) and a presumptive alcohol test (breath analyzer) to each execution team member. A positive indication for the presence of alcohol or any chemical substance that may impair their normal faculties will disqualify that person from participating in the execution process. Upon the arrival of the executioners to perform their duties, the team warden will administer both a presumptive drug test (oral swab method) and a presumptive alcohol test (breath analyzer) to each executioner. A positive indication for the presence of alcohol or any chemical substance that may impair their normal faculties will disqualify that person from participating in the execution process. If one or both of the executioners is disqualified, the team warden will continue to select and test as many additional executioners as is necessary to ensure the presence of two qualified executioners at the execution.
- (10) **Approximately Thirty (30) Minutes Prior to Execution:**
- (a) A designated execution team member will establish telephone communication with the Office of the Governor on behalf of the team warden. The team warden will communicate with the Office of the Governor to determine whether any cause for delay exists. The phone line will remain open to the Office of the Governor during the entire execution procedure. The team member will use this open line to report the ongoing activities of the execution team and other personnel to the Office of the Governor.
 - (b) When the team warden determines that no cause for delay remains, a designated member of the execution team will escort the two (2) executioners into the executioner's room, where they will remain until the execution process is complete.

- (c) The team warden will read the Warrant of Execution to the inmate. The inmate may waive the reading of the warrant.
- (d) Designated members of the execution team will apply wrist restraints to the inmate and escort him/her from his cell to the execution chamber.
- (e) Designated members of the execution team will assist the inmate, if necessary, in positioning himself/herself onto the execution gurney in the execution chamber.
- (f) Designated members of the execution team will secure the restraining straps.
- (g) One or more designated members of the execution team will attach the leads to two (2) heart monitors to the inmate's chest, ensuring that the monitors are operational both before and after the chest restraints are secured.
- (h) Unless the team warden has previously determined to gain venous access through a central line, a designated team member will insert one intravenous (IV) line into each arm at the medial aspect of the antecubital fossa of the inmate and ensure that the saline drip is flowing freely. The team member will designate one IV line as the primary line and clearly identify it with the number "1." The team member will designate the other line as the secondary line and clearly identify it with the number "2." If venous access cannot be achieved in either or both of the arms, access will be secured at other appropriate sites until peripheral venous access is achieved at two separate locations, one identified as the primary injection site and the other identified as the secondary injection site.
- (i) If peripheral venous access cannot be achieved, a designated team member will perform a central venous line placement, with or without a venous cut-down (wherein a vein is exposed surgically and a cannula is inserted), at one or more sites deemed appropriate by that team member. If two sites are accessed, each line will be identified with a "1" or a "2," depending on their identification as the primary and secondary lines.
- (j) One or more designated members of the execution team will remove, one at a time, from the pole attached to the gurney, the two (2) saline bags and pass the bags, along with the extension sets attached to lines labeled "1" and "2," through a small opening into the executioner's room, where a team member will hang the bags on separate hooks inside the room. The designated team member(s) will ensure that the tubing from the IV insertion points to the bags has not been compromised and that the saline drip is flowing freely. The team member will be responsible for continuously monitoring the viability of the IV lines prior to and during the administration of the execution.

(11) **Approximately Fifteen (15) Minutes Prior to Execution:**

- (a) Official witnesses will be secured in the witness room of the execution chamber by two designated Department of Corrections escort staff.
- (b) Authorized media witnesses will be secured in the witness room of the execution chamber.

- (c) The only persons authorized in the witness room are: twelve (12) official witnesses, including family members of the victim, four (4) alternate official witnesses, one (1) nurse or medical technician, twelve (12) authorized media representatives, one (1) representative from the Department's public affairs office, one (1) designated staff escort, and one (1) designated team member. Counsel for the convicted person and a minister of religion requested by the convicted person may also be present. Any exception must be approved by the institutional warden.
- (d) The institutional warden may deny access to the institution to any visitor, official witness or other person he or she deems a risk to the security of the institution. In the event there is reasonable suspicion that an individual may initiate or attempt to initiate a violent or disruptive act prior to, during, or following an execution, that person will not be permitted to witness the execution and will be escorted off the prison grounds immediately.
- (e) The execution chamber will be secured. Only the team warden, one (1) additional execution team member and one (1) FDLE monitor shall be allowed in the chamber during the administration of the execution. Any exceptions or contingencies must be approved by the team warden.
- (f) The executioner's room will be secured. Only the executioners, the team member reporting actions in the executioner's room to the warden, the team member reporting actions to the Office of the Governor, the team member observing the heart monitors, the team member maintaining the checklists, and the FDLE agent assigned to the executioner's room shall be allowed in the executioner's room. Any exception must be approved by the team warden.

(12) **Administration of Execution:**

- (a) An execution team member will open the covering to the witness gallery window. The team warden will use the open telephone line to determine from the Governor whether there has been a stay of execution. If the team warden receives a negative response, s/he will then proceed with the execution.
- (b) An execution team member will turn on the PA system. The team warden will permit the inmate to make an oral statement, which will be broadcast into the witness gallery over the PA system. At the conclusion of the inmate's statement, or if the inmate declines to make a statement, the team warden will announce that the execution process has begun. A designated member of the execution team will turn off the PA system.
- (c) In the presence of the secondary executioner and within sight of one (1) or more execution team members and one (1) of the FDLE monitors, the primary executioner will administer the lethal chemicals in the following manner:
 - (1) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number one (1), which contains one hundred milligrams (100mg) of etomidate injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.

- (2) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number two (2), which contains one hundred milligrams (100mg) of etomidate injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
- (3) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number three (3), which contains twenty milliliters (20ml) of saline solution, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
- (4) At this point, the team warden will assess whether the inmate is unconscious. The team warden must determine, after consultation, that the inmate is indeed unconscious. If the inmate is unconscious and the team warden orders the executioners to continue, the executioners shall proceed to step (12)(c)(6).
- (5) In the event that the inmate is not unconscious, the team warden shall signal that the execution process is suspended and note the time and order the window covering to the witness gallery to be closed. The execution team shall assess the viability of the secondary access site. If the secondary access site is deemed viable, then the team member shall designate this site as the new primary access site. If the secondary access site is compromised, a designated execution team member will secure peripheral venous access at another appropriate site or will perform a central venous line placement, with or without a venous cut-down, at one or more sites deemed appropriate by that team member. Once the team warden is assured that the team has secured a viable access site, the team warden shall order the drapes to be opened and signal that the execution process will resume. The executioners will then be directed to initiate the administration of lethal chemicals from stand "B" into the newly established primary line, starting with the syringes of etomidate injection, labeled one (1) and two (2) and the first syringe of saline. The executioners will continue to use the remaining chemicals from stand "B" throughout the execution at the direction of team warden. The team warden will then again proceed to step (12)(c)(4) and assess whether the inmate is unconscious.
- (6) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number four (4), which contains five hundred milligrams (500mg) of rocuronium bromide injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
- (7) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number five (5), which contains five hundred milligrams (500mg) of rocuronium bromide injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension

- set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
- (8) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number six (6), which contains twenty milliliters (20ml) of saline solution, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
 - (9) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number seven (7), which contains one hundred twenty milliequivalents (120mEq) of potassium acetate injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
 - (10) The executioner will remove from the stand on the worktop the syringe labeled number eight (8), which contains one hundred twenty milliequivalents (120mEq) of potassium acetate injection, place the blunt cannula into the open port of the IV extension set connected to the primary line, and push the entire contents of that syringe into the IV port at a rate that meets the injection resistance of the cannula. When the syringe is depleted, s/he will hand the empty syringe to the secondary executioner for safe disposal.
 - (11) The primary executioner shall at all times administer the lethal injection chemicals. Only if the primary executioner becomes incapacitated shall the secondary executioner administer the lethal chemicals. At no time shall more than one (1) executioner inject any lethal chemicals to complete the execution.
- (d) If at any time during the administration of the lethal chemicals the primary venous access becomes compromised, the team warden shall order the execution process stopped and order the window covering to the witness gallery to be closed. The execution team shall assess the primary access site and assess the viability of the secondary access site and take appropriate remedial action at the access site, if necessary. If neither access site is viable, a designated execution team member will secure peripheral venous access at another appropriate site or will perform a central venous line placement, with or without a venous cut-down, at one or more sites deemed appropriate by that team member. Once the team warden is assured that the execution team has secured a viable access site, the warden shall order the drapes to be opened and direct that the execution process will resume using the newly established primary line. The executioners will be directed to initiate the administration of lethal chemicals from stand "B" into the IV set attached to the newly established primary line, starting with the syringes of etomidate injection, labeled one (1) and two (2) and the first syringe of saline, labeled number three (3). The team warden will then proceed to step (12)(c)(4), as described above.

- (e) Throughout the execution process, one (1) or more designated execution team members will observe the heart monitors. If the heart monitors reflect a flat line reading during or following the complete administration of the lethal chemicals, a physician will examine the inmate to determine whether there is complete cessation of respiration and heartbeat.
- (f) Once the inmate is pronounced dead by the physician, a designated member of the execution team will record the time of death on the appropriate lethal injection procedures checklist.
- (g) The team warden will notify the Governor via the open phone line that the sentence has been carried out and the time of death.
- (h) A designated execution team member will turn on the PA system. The team warden shall make the following announcement to the witnesses in the gallery: "The sentence of the State of Florida vs. [Inmate Name] has been carried out at [time of day]."
- (i) The designated team member will close the window covering to the witness gallery.
- (j) The designated Department of Corrections escort staff will escort all witnesses, all of the media pool and any other individuals who are not members of the execution team from the witness room and the execution chamber.

(13) **Immediate Post-Execution Procedures:**

- (a) Designated execution team members will dispose of the equipment and any remaining chemicals as required by state and federal law.
- (b) The institutional warden will coordinate the entry of hearse attendants for recovery of the inmate's body.
- (c) The inmate's body will be removed from the execution table by hearse attendants under the supervision of the designated team member.
- (d) The institutional warden, or his/her designee, will obtain a certification of death from the physician and will deliver the certification to the hearse attendants prior to their departure.
- (e) The inmate's body will be transported by the hearse attendants to the medical examiner's office in Alachua County for an autopsy.
- (f) The team warden shall conduct a brief debriefing interview with every execution team member and the executioners, documenting any exceptional circumstances that arose during the execution. Subsequent debriefings will take place, as appropriate.

(14) **Follow-Up Procedures:**

- (a) The institutional warden will forward the Warrant of Execution and a signed statement of the execution to the Secretary of State.
- (b) The institutional warden will file an attested copy of the Warrant of Execution and a signed statement of the execution with the clerk of the court that imposed the sentence.

- (c) The institutional warden, or his/her designee, will advise central office records by e-mail of the inmate's name and the date and time of death by execution.
- (15) **Periodic Review and Certificate from Secretary:** There will be a review of the lethal injection procedure by the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, at a minimum of once every two years, or more frequently as needed. The review will take into consideration the available medical literature, legal jurisprudence, and the protocols and experience from other jurisdictions. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections shall, upon completion of this review, certify to the Governor of the State of Florida confirming that the Department is adequately prepared to carry out executions by lethal injection. The Secretary will confirm with the team warden that the execution team satisfies current licensure and certification and all team members and executioners meet all training and qualifications requirements as detailed in these procedures. A copy of the certification shall be provided to the Attorney General and the institutional warden shall provide a copy to a condemned inmate and counsel for the inmate after a warrant is signed.

The certification shall read:

As Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, I have reviewed the Department's Execution by Lethal Injection Procedures to ensure proper implementation of the Department's statutory duties under Chapter 922, Florida Statutes. The procedure has been reviewed and is compatible with evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society, the concepts of the dignity of man, and advances in science, research, pharmacology, and technology. The process will not involve unnecessary lingering or the unnecessary or wanton infliction of pain and suffering. The foremost objective of the lethal injection process is a humane and dignified death. Additional guiding principles of the lethal injection process are that it should not be of long duration, and that while the entire process of execution should be transparent, the concerns and emotions of all those involved must be addressed.

I hereby certify that the Department is prepared to administer an execution by lethal injection and has the necessary procedures, equipment, facilities, and personnel in place to do so. The Department has available the appropriate persons who meet the minimum qualifications under Florida Statutes and in addition have the education, training, or experience, including the necessary licensure or certification, required to perform the responsibilities or duties specified and to anticipate contingencies that might arise during the execution procedure.



RICKY D. DIXON
SECRETARY

2/18/2025

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ATTACHMENT D

Affidavit of Dr. Buffington

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I, Daniel E. Buffington, PharmD, MBA, am the president and CEO of the American Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Inc. since 2007, as well as a clinical associate professor at the University of South Florida, Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. Please see attached Curriculum Vitae.

I have been retained by Capital Collateral Regional Counsel – Middle Region to consult with their postconviction team in Case No. 411986CF001225A, *State of Florida v. Melvin Trotter*. I reviewed Mr. Trotter’s Demand for Records from the Florida Department of Corrections, (FDOC). I have been asked to consider what information a defendant, and the public for that matter, would want to know to have confidence that an execution by lethal injection would be carried out humanely and precisely. Below are the demands for records to be requested by Mr. Trotter followed by my expert opinion as to the significance and importance of this information.

Public records from January 1, 2025 to present, should be requested are as follows:

- a. Written records/checklists, logs, and/or memorandums of training activities including simulations, execution process, preparation of carrying out execution process, and effects of each lethal chemical as required in subsection (4) of FDOC’s procedure, “Training of the Execution Team and Executioners;”
[**Importance and impact:** To confirm that the Corrections staff are properly qualified, trained, and repeatedly demonstrating skill and proficiency with the FDOC approved protocol and to reduce the risk of errors or deviation from the critical design and infrastructure that ensures and humane and effective outcome.]
- b. Written records/checklists, logs, and/or memorandums documenting “completion of each step in the process,” as required in subsection (5) of FDOC’s procedure, “Use of Checklists;”

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff are properly qualified, trained, and repeatedly demonstrating skill and proficiency with the FDOC approved protocol and to reduce the risk of errors or deviation from the critical design and infrastructure that ensures and humane and effective outcome.]

- c. "Signed forms attesting" the team warden's verification that all steps in the process have been performed properly prior to the administration of the "pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)," and the that the remaining steps in the process were performed properly," as required in subsection (5) of FDOC's procedure, "Use of Checklists;"

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff are properly qualified, trained, and repeatedly demonstrating skill and proficiency with the FDOC approved protocol and to reduce the risk of errors or deviation from the critical design and infrastructure that ensures and humane and effective outcome.]

- d. Written records/checklists, logs, and/or memorandums documenting and tracking whether the "pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)" are within their "date range" for use, have reached, or surpassed their expiration dates" and documenting the maintenance and proper storage of the "pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)" as required in subsection (6) of FDOC's procedure, "Purchase and Maintenance of Lethal Chemicals;"

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff has an organized, accurate, and effective tracking model to ensure that the correct substances, as approved within the FDOC, have been properly acquired and that product dating and aging are being tracked for substances that are awaiting future executions. Utilization of substances that are expired may have reduced pharmacologic effect or produce unanticipated or unnecessary complications. Such an error or deviation could result in unnecessary pain or discomfort or an unexpected termination of the execution procedure prior to the inmate's death.]

- e. Written records/checklists, logs, and/or memorandums documenting the need for refrigeration, proper temperature range for storage, and/or monitoring for compliance of temperature and handling of the lethal chemicals.

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff has an organized, accurate, and effective tracking model to ensure that the correct substances, as approved within the FDOC, have been properly acquired and that product storage conditions have been identified, thresholds for storage conditions, and monitoring for variances or deviations for substances that are awaiting future executions. Utilization of substances that have not been stored properly may produce reduced pharmacologic effect or produce unanticipated or unnecessary complications. Such an error or deviation could result in unnecessary pain or discomfort or an unexpected termination of the execution procedure prior to the inmate's death.]

- f. Internal policies and procedures for handling and maintenance of the “pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)” should there be power loss or other circumstances (such as water, temperature, humidity, etc.) which may compromise the pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals);

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff has an organized, accurate, and effective tracking model to ensure the adherence to industry recommended guidelines for the proper storage conditions for the substances, as approved within the FDOC, have that established protocols to ensure proper climate and cold chain conditions (respectively) during power outages or adverse conditions, have been implemented and tracked by all prior vendors and post product acquisition for substances that are awaiting future executions. Such an error or deviation could result in the use of an adulterated or chemically altered substance and produce reduced pharmacologic effects or unexpected complications including the early or acute termination of the execution procedure.]

- g. Policies/procedures, written logs, and/or memorandums documenting the disposal of expired and otherwise compromised “pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals);”

[Importance and impact: To confirm that Corrections staff have appropriate tracking methods, record keeping systems, and procedural protocols to ensure that expired or otherwise compromised substances are accurately identified, rapidly separated from the inventory, and precluded from use in a future execution. Failure to properly monitor and remove expired

substances could result in the use of substances with reduced pharmacologic effect or produce unnecessary complications for the inmate or the abrupt and early termination of an execution procedure.]

- h. Copies of the “logs provided to the team warden and available at the post execution debriefings” documenting the first FDLE agent charged with monitoring and responsible for observing the preparation of the “pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)” and documenting and keeping a detailed log as to what occurs in the executioner’s room at a minimum of two (2) minute intervals” as required in subsection (7)(b) of FDOC’s procedure, “FDLE Monitors;”

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the designated Corrections staff is trained, oriented, present, attentive, accurately monitoring the preparation of the substances and recording the events within the executioner’s room at proper intervals so that an accurate record is preserved of the events and that in the event of errors, deviations, or complications occur that they can be properly reviewed and analyzed in a timely manner to determine a “root cause analysis” following an adverse event.]

- i. Copies of the “logs provided to the team warden and available at the post execution debriefings” documenting the second FDLE agent charged with keeping a detailed log of what is occurring in the execution chamber at a minimum of two (2) minute intervals” as required in subsection (7)(c) of FDOC’s procedure, “FDLE Monitors;”

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the designated Corrections staff is trained, oriented, present, attentive, accurately monitoring the preparation of the substances and recording the events within the executioner’s room at proper intervals so that an accurate record is preserved of the events and that in the event of errors, deviations, or complications occur that they can be properly reviewed and analyzed in a timely manner to determine a “root cause analysis” following an adverse event.]

- j. Memorandums, records, checklists, and/or logs from execution team member and independent observer from FDLE documenting their observations and compliance with the preparation of each

“pharmaceutical agent (lethal injection chemical)” used in the lethal injection process as found in subsection (9)(f) of FDOC’s procedure, “On the Day of Execution;”

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the designated Corrections staff is trained, oriented, present, attentive, accurately monitoring the preparation of the substances and recording the events within the executioner’s room at proper intervals so that an accurate record is preserved of the events and that in the event of errors, deviations, or complications occur that they can be properly reviewed and analyzed in a timely manner to determine a “root cause analysis” following an adverse event.]

- k. Procedures, directives, documentation, and memorandum of the execution team members utilization of “aseptic technique” and the placement of the “IV extension set that will be used to infuse the pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals) into the primary injection line.” (See subsection (9)(h) of FDOC’s procedure, “On the Day of Execution”);

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff properly understand and have received effective training and demonstrated ongoing proficiency regarding the proper identification, preparation, placement, and securing of IV injection and administration sites, including the ability to setup and maintain IV tubing and related apparatus in to primary and alternative (“redundant sites”) in order to reduce substantial risk of ineffective or loss of IV access prior to or during a lethal injection procedure. Loss of IV access can result in acute complication, pain, or reason to abort an execution process.]

- l. Procedures, directives, documentation, and memorandum for venous access, both through a central line or if necessary, without or without a venous cut-down.” (See subsection (10)(h) and (i) of FDOC’s procedure, “Approximately Thirty (30) Minutes Prior to Execution”); and

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff have been properly trained, oriented, and develop proficiency in the different venous access locations, supplies, techniques, and management of potential site-specific complications to ensure the successful administration of substances and to avoid or divert from known potential complications or difficulties. Ineffective IV site

selection, maintenance, or loss of IV access is a known potential risk factor for unnecessary complications or reason to abort an execution process.]

- m. Forms and documentation of the methodologies and medical instrumentation utilized by Execution Team Members to assess and monitor the inmate's depth and sustained level of consciousness ("consciousness checks") including the training, level of competency, and proficiency.

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff have been trained, oriented, and developed proficiency with industry standard and clinically effective methods or medical instruments utilized to determine an individual's depth or level of unconsciousness. This is imperative as it is the method to determine if the individual has successfully reached a depth or level of unconsciousness to reduce their awareness or sensations sufficient to progress to the administration of the following lethal injection drug.]

- n. Forms and documentation of the methodologies and medical instrumentation utilized by Execution Team Members to assess and affirm the inmate's death including the training, level of competency, and proficiency.

[Importance and impact: To confirm if the Corrections staff has been properly trained, oriented and developed proficiency and provided industry standard medical devices and telemetry equipment to affirm an inmate's death. This is imperative as it is essential to continue with the sequence and administration of approved substances and in the ascribed manner and pattern until the inmate's death is demonstrated as a formal endpoint. Anything less would risk an incomplete procedure and risk of the medication wearing off prior to the inmate's death.]

- o. Documentation, checklists, and memorandum of the team warden's "debriefing interview with every execution team member and the executioners, documenting any exceptional circumstances that arose during the execution, as required by as required in subsection (13)(f) of FDOC's procedure, "Immediate Post-Execution Procedures;"

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff was properly trained and prepared to perform their roles, document the sequence of steps, and record the procedure in a manner that could identify errors, protocol deviations, or complications that occurred to aid in avoiding future negative outcomes and spare a inmate the risk for future unnecessary pain or discomfort.]

- p. Protocols, procedures, directives, and checklists regarding:
- i. Mixing of the “pharmaceutical agents (lethal injection chemicals)” and their respective sterile IV solutions (“diluent fluids”);
 - ii. Proper flushing the syringe if same syringe is used;
 - iii. When and how syringes are organized, staged, and labeled;
 - iv. Insertion of needle venous access and how the site is secured.

[Importance and impact: To confirm that the Corrections staff have developed effective internal procedures to ensure that the proper protocols, procedures, directives, and checklists have been implemented to ensure that staff roles and skills have been allocated to guarantee the proper mixing of substances and respective IV fluids, accurate manipulation and handling of the medication administration supplies and that the preparation and administration of the substances via primary and alternate venous access routes is optimized. This is critical to avoid the highest risk for complications with lethal injection protocols, which is ineffective or lost IV access during the execution procedure.

It would not be necessary to know the identity of any individual involved with carrying out the lethal injection protocols or any company involved with this process.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Buffington, PharmD, MBA

I, Daniel E. Buffington, having been duly sworn or affirm, do hereby depose and say that the above statements are true and correct.


Daniel E. Buffington, PharmD, MBA

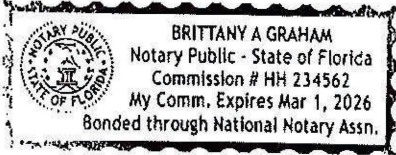
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Sworn to or affirmed and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 27th day of January 2026, by Daniel E. Buffington who is personally known to me or has shown the following identification:



NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA



ATTACHMENT E

Letters In Support of Michael King

Dear Michael,

I wanted to write to you today, even if you can't reply. I received an email from your lawyer, Ali, letting me know that your warrant has been signed. He wasn't sure whether you'd be able to see any messages I sent, but I later spoke with Helen at Human Writes and she said you will still be able to read correspondence through Securus, even if you can't send emails back. I'm grateful for that. I have also passed this email on to Ali just in case there are any issues with accessing Securus for you.

After three years of writing to each other (I can hardly believe it's been that long) I felt very saddened to hear this terrible news. I've been thinking about all the conversations we've shared over the years, the updates about how we were doing, and the memories you told me about your life, your camping trips, and time with your family. Your emails and phone calls have meant so much to me, and I've always looked forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for making me smile, for making me laugh, and for all the kind words you've shared. I hope our friendship has meant something to you too. Please know that you will be missed very much.

I'm incredibly proud of what you've managed to achieve. Your commitment to your health journey, even without the best resources, has always impressed me. You stayed determined and positive through circumstances most people couldn't imagine. And your development as an artist has been extraordinary. I will keep and cherish the paintings you sent me forever.

I believe in rehabilitation, and our conversations have shown me how much you've reflected on your past and how much you've grown as a person. Thank you for your honesty and for trusting me with your thoughts.

You've also been so supportive of me, even when I've been going through my own difficult moments. I know my challenges are nothing like what you've faced, but you've always shown me compassion and warmth. Over time, you've come to feel like a brother to me.

It's hard to find the right words right now, but I want you to know that I'm thinking of you constantly and keeping you in my prayers. Your strength has taught me a lot about finding faith and positivity in dark times.

I'll keep sending messages when I can, even if they're one-way. It brings me comfort to know you'll still receive them, and I'm sure many others will be writing to you as well with their thoughts and prayers.

Take care of yourself as best you can. I'll write again soon.

Your friend, your sister,
Fae Krakowska, England, UK

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18th November 2025

Mr Ali A Shakoor
Assistant CCRC Lawyer
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Re Michael Lee King #132254, UCI, Florida Row

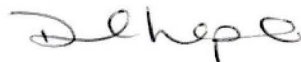
Dear Mr Shakoor,

I have known Michael since 2017 when I started writing to him through a penpal organisation based here in the UK. Originally we wrote letters, but now we use the prison email system, which guarantees a much quicker delivery!

I consider Michael to be a good friend. He is always respectful and kind in his letters. He is interested in my family and what life is like in the UK. I know that throughout his time in prison he has worked hard to improve his reading and writing skills. His Christian faith is something that we have in common and I know it is a great comfort and strength to him. He often quotes bible verses to encourage me!

I feel deeply sad to know that his life may soon be at an end and I would miss our friendship greatly. Knowing Michael through his letters has been a real joy to me and I hope our friendship has been a blessing to him too.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dilys Chapman".

Dilys Chapman
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Miss Fae Krakowska

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United Kingdom
f.krakowska@gmail.com
23rd November 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Michael King (#132254), who is currently on Florida's death row. Michael has been my pen friend for 2 years and 4 months and during this time, I have come to know him as a thoughtful, caring individual who values human connection deeply.

Over this time, I have come to know Michael as a reflective and sincere person. He has shared with me his struggles and expressed deep remorse for the actions that led to his incarceration. These conversations have shown me a man who is not defined solely by his past mistakes, but by his capacity for growth and his desire to make amends.

Through our correspondence, I have seen Michael's efforts to grow as a person despite the extremely difficult circumstances he faces. He has shared his hopes, his reflections, and his gratitude for the people who care about him. His life matters. It matters not only to me, but to others who know him and believe in his humanity.

I respectfully ask that you consider granting clemency or any relief that would allow Michael to live. I believe he deserves the chance to continue his life in a way that reflects the progress he has made and the potential he still has.

Please feel free to contact me at f.krakowska@gmail.com if you need any further information or would like to discuss this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Fae Krakowska.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fae Krakowska', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Lee King is my younger brother that was born May 4th, 1971 in Pontiac Michigan Born with Double Pneumonia. He was very frail and very sick as a child.

His Dad James H. King was a retired Honorable Discharged Army Tank operator. Plus He retired from General Motors Truck and Bus After 30 years of Perfect Attendance. He was a very hard working man all his life an Amazing family man married to my Mom for over 50 years before he passed away.

At a early age of 6 Michael Lee King was in a very serious Major Sledding accident!! He was being pulled by a snowmobile driven by me Gary L King age 11 at the time, born in 1966. Michael was at top of hill on our 33 Acre farm at 3117 Clifford Rd Silverwood Michigan. He was on a blue Plastic (Please turn over please →

Sled with 2 cut out handles.

As I pulled him downhill with very long straw baling strings tied onto back of snowmobile.

He layed on his stomach with his mittens on and front of blue plastic sled curled up. The sled was traveling sonic fast going down hill! In fact I yelled for Mike to let go on the sled! He didnt as I

turned ^{RT} to go in between equipment shed and our big red hay barn his sled was going straight! The long baling twine had lots of slack in it I floored snowmobile even angled it to right near big barn and Barb wire fencing to try and catch up the slack.

He didnt let go! the sled with Michael holding on slid straight into the 6x6 equipment shed wood pole! It was an open equipment shed! His frontal lobe his face crashed right into the barn pole for

It stopped him instantly! It
Knocked him out!! I shook him
tried to carry him to the farm
House! I fell with him in my
ARMS! He began to breathe again!!

His Head, His Nose, His Mouth
Bleeding ALOT!! He cried so
Hard! I yelled at farm House
for my Parents to help!! It was
tragic! My Mom put frozen steak
on his head frontal lobe! His
nose, his temple was swollen!!
wash rag SOAKING IN BLOOD!—

We loaded up and had to drive
to a 24 hr Emergency Hospital
in Capeen, M^{IC}HIGAN!!

The ER^{MP} Hospital said there
is nothing they can do for his
teeth were broken, loose,
mangled all up! His nose bled
constantly! The ER Doc said
nothing he can do and for us to
keep an eye on Michael and
keep ice on his face and his
temple to try and get pressure
swollen down and to wake him up
(Please over please →

throughout the night so he
don't go into a Coma!

He was severely INJURED
AFTER ACCIDENT! He always
get nose bleeds AND headaches
AND BUZZING sounds in his brain!!

He fell behind in school!
Repeated Grades and was put
into Special CLASSES throughout
his school years! He hallucinated
growing up seeing things that
wasn't there! His imagination
would run wild! He was traumatized
growing up! IF Kids Bullyed
him he would be stuck like
it just happened and it could
be years later! He thought folks
was out to get him! He was
phobic of needles AND run out
of DOCTORS AND Dentist offices.

He had phobias of needles
AND of clowns! We taught him
on farm to work hard and to
fish and even hunting for food
on the table for the family and
to take to Farmers Market.

He was a fast worker for we told him he has to work hard in life to survive! He had no shut off switch he do the work of a team of people but would be a 1 man team!!

He was best worker everyone liked him for he never stop working and he worked hard!!

He got into plumbing although he had no experience! He seen his sonic fast to be best hardest worker folks loved him!!

He took on hardest jobs nobody wanted to do! He didn't think of himself! He helped others! folks loved him and even asked for him back on plumbing jobs! He make own gas pipe threaded with a machine that could take your arm off if not careful. He bid jobs by throwing a number out there.

He was extremely hard worker!! He couldn't go out run his own business for he couldn't study, read, pass a written plumber licensed test
(Please over & please →)

He ~~was~~ selfishly worked hard!

He fix city Broken water main
jump right in! Jack Hammer,
concrete for busted pipes!!!

He fix folks plumbing heating
problems! He do side jobs
And give all the money, to
help his friends out!!

He got married to his
wife Danielle Irving King
And they had 1 son Matthew!

He was like Rambo doing his
best to help others while
still battling his sledding
injury! He had no medication!
no therapy! He just lived as
a mentally intellectual disabled
person! His wife mentally
physically abused him! He just
worked harder! He loved his
wife and son forever faithfully!

He ride a motorcycle and
he have throttle wide open
like his brain stuck on full
throttle! As he was neglected
by his wife she left him like

Several times And she meet men from different states online gaming and into computer designing! She buy new clothes, instead of washing clothes!

Spend money on fast food OR computer stuff!... He was forced to live as a single dad with his son! He loved his wife unconditionally AND Always, took her back for he loved her.

He would hallucinate!, Bolt windows SHUT! OR nail them SHUT! He always thought folks was after him! He always helped others in life! His traumatic Brain Injury got much worse when his wife would leave him!

He had a Giant Imagination! He would get lost all the time - He always say folks was following him! After him even running him off the road!

His Life Matters. Society failed him! to give him medication compassion & help! Being mentally disabled.
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He was A Good Person!
 employers And customers Loved him!
 He didn't DRINK Alcohol or
 do drugs. He didnt half step he
 worked his very Best to Help others!
 He was not selfish he was a
 giving Person!!

Michael Lee King was very
 close with his grandpa Elmer
 Heichel, who he grew up with
 my moms Dad! He Loved
 Mike! He always be Lucky
 Fishing! He drive a car so
 fast risk taker! He become
 Schizophrenia, Hallucinate!!!
 I remember one time his girlfriend
 said Mike shot at a Ghost
 in his house with a real gun!

Michael never was IN Jail!
 I remember in the End of
 his Free life He would be trance
 like severely mentally spaced
 out! put of touch with
 reality! Like IN A trance Like
 Comma! He was Lost in time!
 Reality! trance Like I didn't

Know how to help him! I
 tried to teach him! Show him
 A Rand McNally USA Map and !!
 he just sat there in a trance..
 Like he was severely compromised
 mentally! I didn't know how
 to help him..

My current Girlfriend since
 2005 was riding with me out
 over the road and we received a
 call by my Dad that a tragedy
 happened and they had Michael
 in Jail supposedly someone
 had been killed!!

Michael called family said
 the Jail staff was mentally
 torturing him!! By putting folks in
 his cell threatening his life
 and his family members if he
 talked in court they kill us!!!!

His lawyers received death
 threats and media ran wild
 railroading him anyway they could!!

His defense team was
 incompetent helping him! They ^{prosecutors}
 Edited 9/11 Tapes, they made him out
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as a bad person instead of giving him mental help! They was all out to crucify him!!

I believe it all was A tragic Accident!! They fabricated A story that made Michael out to be a sane person when in fact he was mentally suppressed, traumatized, paranoid mentally, ~~etc~~ hallucinated and A tragic Accident happened! He is intellectually disabled and is A Good person! I AM ASKING FOR Humanity AND Have Mercy AND Help Michael Lee King to At Least Be taken off death Row! 18 years is more enough time AND At Least give him Life! AND compassion Humanity give him Life! To Kill murder him doesn't Make things better OR bring someone back!!

I Learned forgiveness for the ones who murdered my grandfather! The Victims family I have compassion AND condolences to all of them with all my heart! I have no hate OR vengeance in my heart Just Pure forgiveness!! Their children was not harmed nor should Mike Be

Its A Sad tragedy A terrible Accident!!

According to courts trial there was no forced entry or signs of struggle At the victims House!

For I believe she was not Kidnapped! She went on her own free will! He was probably Lost As he does very often for he is Intellectually disabled!

He was in Process of moving thats why his house was in a disarray! I believe they lost track of time and they was in a chaotic state of mind as he was trying to take her home.

A Tragedy! I dont think anything was premeditated! He was lost mentally disabled and A tragic accident happened.

Its Sad but Hate and revenge does not make things better!!

Michael Lee King is a Good Person! He is Religious Person! He would Help Guards in the System and should be given Help!

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So he can get better!

He was subject to lots of toxins in the plumbing field!
ALL LOVED his selfless help!!

He is a human being! His life matters! folks to want to kill him doesn't make things better it makes them guilty for wanting to kill a intellectually mentally disabled man who deserves to be helped AND given life!

DR. Wu said his PET SCAN showed a major divert in his frontal lobe brain damage!!

Michael
should be
given

leniency due to his mental impairment. forgiveness is the answer! Michael

Lee King comes from a long line of law enforcement! Good people!

A terrible accident happened.

ALL life matters! Live AND let

live! There was a Frye Law violated

Michael Lee King due process! He was railroaded! I believe nothing was planned!

he is was a victim too! A split second

accident! A tragedy happened! Michael Lee King was a true blessing devoting his life helping others!

I believe IN God and
 Jesus Christ! I know
 Michael Lee King does too!

He was just a hard worker
 helping others! A victim too!

I say prayers daily for all
 to learn forgiveness and be
 at peace and not be filled with
 hate and revenge!! More than
 likely it was a split second
 accident a tragedy! I believe
 he was paranoid hallucinating
 seeing things, hearing things
 that severely diminished his mental capacity!
 trauma! a accident occurred.

He was a family man! He loved
 his wife! All took advantage of him!

He is Intellectually Disabled Person!!

He is A Human Being! He is A Good Person!

I voted for our President Donald Trump
 for I seen how political spectrum was
 so corrupt! I believe in our president to
 make America Great Again! I pray for
 peace and harmony on Earth!

Since Michael Lee King incarceration
 he found God Jesus and does ART Drawing
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Michael Lee King is A
Mentally Intellectual Disabled
Person! His Life Matters!

He is a Good Person of
God! He Loves Jesus! He spent
his entire life helping others
selfishly! He was lost and
needed help in the free world!

Society failed him! He was
railroaded and his constitutional
rights was violated thruout the
Court system!

I BELIEVE ALL OF THIS
WAS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT!

I ASKED FOR MERCY FOR
MY YOUNGER BROTHER MICHAEL LEE KING
He Always Helped Others! He
didn't do drugs He wasn't in No
gang either! He was just a very
hard working man that ALL
took advantage of him!

He is mentally intellectually
disabled that doesn't belong on
Death Row but needs help!

His Life Matters!!

Thank you God Bless

Always Gary King

ATTACHMENT F

Letters from faith leaders about Florida's Death Penalty

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MICHAEL B. SHEEDY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



July 8, 2025

The Hon. Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Request to Pause Signing of Death Warrants and Engage in Further Dialogue

Dear Governor DeSantis:

We call on you to pause the signing of death warrants. We request further dialogue as to whether the people of the State of Florida are being well served by executions, which have increased significantly this year.

Our concern for executions is grounded in the conviction, discernible from natural law and confirmed by God's revelation, that every human life has a sacred value. This value exists by virtue of each human being's status as a creature made in God's own image and likeness and his or her high vocation to participate in God's own eternal life. Importantly, this value is not derived from any act by the individual, nor is it created by government. We note also that this value is the source of rights and the precondition for justice. It is also historically the prerequisite behind the constitutions of our state and nation.

In some contexts, it may have been the case that there was no way to preserve the common good or to protect the innocent other than to implement capital punishment. In Florida, that is certainly not the case. We do have the ability to protect society without killing human beings. Our demonstrated capacity to imprison offenders for life means that every execution is a discretionary killing. Given the unique value of human life, the state should refrain from opting to kill.

With hopes for further dialogue, we highlight that these points are crystallized in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church's* treatment of the death penalty (#2267):

Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

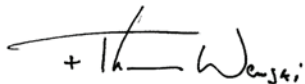
Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

Our opposition to the death penalty does not entail a lack of support for law and order. While many of those who have been sentenced to death and have been executed would clearly have benefited from a stronger safety net earlier in their lives, we do not have an unhealthy sympathy for lawbreakers.

Nor do we have a callous disregard for victims of crime. When life sentences without parole are handed down, surviving family members are not required to revisit the painful details repeatedly over decades in the necessary appeals process. As a result, they often progress in the healing process sooner when a life sentence is administered. They avoid the mistaken belief that their own healing and closure are tied up in seeing the guilty party executed.

We simply propose that there is a better way to achieve the ends of justice. Please stop signing of new death warrants. We request a meeting to more deeply review with you the teachings of our Church on the sanctity of human life and the common good.

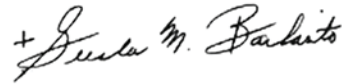
Sincerely in Christ,



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Archbishop of Miami



Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice



Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach



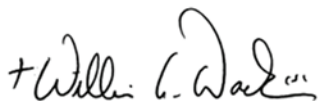
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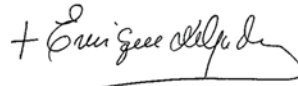
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Auxiliary Bishop of Miami

cc: Michael B. Sheedy

A Joint Letter from Florida Faith Leaders on the Expansion of Florida's Death Penalty and Pace of Executions

July 8, 2025

Dear Governor Ron DeSantis,

We, the undersigned faith leaders from across Florida, are deeply troubled by the expansion of Florida's death penalty and the pace of executions under your administration. We stand together to call on you to pause the signing of death warrants and make space for dialogue around whether the people of the State of Florida are being served by the current pace of executions.

Though we come from different backgrounds and spiritual traditions, our shared belief in the sacred value of every human life unites us. Our faiths teach us that no person is beyond redemption and that true justice must reflect both accountability and compassion. We believe that we cannot heal violence with more violence and that executions do not bring the peace and closure that victims' families deserve.

Many of us minister to people whose lives are touched by the criminal legal system, including victims of crime and their families, incarcerated persons, correctional officers, lawyers, judges, and those living on death row. We witness the pain and complexity firsthand. We carry the stories of those traumatized by violence and those shaped by it. And we see clearly that the death penalty only deepens the wounds.

Florida's death penalty system is plagued by racial disparities, a long and painful process that retraumatizes families, and a troubling history of wrongful convictions. Florida leads the nation in death row exonerations—proof that the risk of executing an innocent person is not hypothetical but real. Executions also inflict moral injury on correctional staff and divert resources away from the kinds of investments that truly improve public safety.

As people of faith, we are called to seek a better way. We affirm the importance of public safety and believe that those who cause harm must be held accountable. But we also believe that life imprisonment without the possibility of parole meets that standard without resorting to state-sanctioned killing.

To continue executing people in our names, using a system built on injustice and error, is incompatible with the values of mercy, dignity, and hope.

We urge you to stop all executions in Florida and work toward a justice system that reflects the moral leadership our communities expect and deserve. We commit to sharing this call with our congregations and inviting others to join us in advocating for a Florida that chooses life over death, healing over harm.

The death penalty does not reflect the best of who we are. We believe it is time for Florida to choose a better path—one that is rooted in justice, compassion, and the dignity of every person.

Respectfully and prayerfully,

Rev. Stephen Hoffman

Florida Conference, United Methodist Church
Sarasota, FL

Deacon Andy Grosmaire

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The Well at Springfield
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