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FEDERAL EXECUTION DATE SET FOR DAVID PAUL HAMMER

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Bureau of Prisons has set June 8, 2004, as the date on which to carry out the death sentence of inmate David Paul Hammer at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Hammer was sentenced to death under Federal law on November 4, 1998, after being convicted in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, of first degree murder in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1111. This conviction resulted from Hammer pleading guilty to killing an inmate in April of 1996, while confined at the United States Penitentiary in Allenwood, Pennsylvania.

Hammer filed a motion to vacate his sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 2255, but then sought to withdraw such motion. On January 16, 2004, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania found Hammer competent to withdraw his motion. Consequently, the court deemed the motion as withdrawn. No appeal is pending.

David Paul Hammer, 45 years old, was transferred to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons in December of 1993 from the State of Oklahoma, where he was serving a state sentence totaling in excess of 1,200 years, for numerous crimes he committed in Oklahoma.

The method of execution will be lethal injection.

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