

## The Death Penalty in Tarrant County

- Tarrant County, where juries have sentenced **75 people to death**, ranks fourth in use of the death penalty in Texas.
- Although Tarrant County remains among Texas's top sentencing counties, jurors there have imposed **just one new death sentence** in the last five years. In June 2022, jurors **rejected the death penalty** in the Law of Parties case of Timothy Huff and sentenced Huff instead to life in prison without parole.
- Of the five men sentenced to death in Tarrant County since 2012, **four are Black**.
- The State of Texas has executed **586 people** since 1982. This includes **45 people** who were convicted in Tarrant County.
- Since 1973, **196 individuals** – including 16 people in Texas – have been released from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction. **Michael Toney** was wrongfully convicted in Tarrant County and released in 2009.
- **Seven individuals in Tarrant County** have been exonerated of serious crimes since 2001, largely on the basis of DNA evidence, official misconduct, and/or mistaken eyewitness identification.
- **18 people** sentenced to death in Tarrant County are no longer on death row; in most cases, their sentences were changed to life in prison or life in prison without parole or they died in custody of natural causes.
- Currently, there are 180 people on death row in Texas, including 7 women. Of this total population, **11 people were convicted in Tarrant County**.

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