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Welcome to Texas CCATDP's April 2025 newsletter!

EXECUTION UPDATES

There are currently two scheduled executions in Texas in 2025. The next execution is scheduled for April 23, 2025 when the State of Texas plans to execute Moises Mendoza for the murder of Rachel Tolleson. Additionally, Matthew Johnson is scheduled for execution on May 20, 2025.

**STAY GRANTED TO DAVID WOOD:** On March 11, 2025, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted a stay of execution to David Wood, who was scheduled to be put to death on Thursday, March 13, 2025. Wood has spent more than 32 years on death row for crimes he maintains he did not commit – the murders of six women in El Paso in the summer of 1987. Texas has refused his repeated requests for additional DNA testing on more than 100 items recovered from the crime scenes. In 2011, DNA testing definitively excluded Wood as the contributor of male DNA found on a bloodstain on one of the victim's clothing. Wood raised eight issues in his application to the Court, including that he is actually innocent and that the State obtained its conviction by presenting false testimony and suppressing exculpatory evidence. The stay will remain in place until further order of the Court.

Thank you to everyone who emailed the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and contacted Governor Greg Abbott in support of Wood's application for clemency. We will share updates on this case as they become available.

NEW OP-ED: CONSERVATIVE LEADERS CONFRONT DEATH PENALTY ERRORS HEAD ON

Last month, Conservatives Concerned National Manager Demetrius Minor and Timothy Head of Unify.US published an op-ed in Town Hall on several recent death penalty developments led by conservative Republicans — including right here in Texas.



Excerpt: "As conservatives who are focused on right-sizing the scope, authority, and expense of government while improving its accuracy, we are heartened to see leaders like Governor Ivey in Alabama and Attorney General Drummond in Oklahoma take these critical steps to ensure the integrity of our system and safeguard innocent lives. We hope more leaders follow in their footsteps and demonstrate similar courage and conviction."

TEXAS CCATDP ON THE MOVE

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

Last month, Texas CCATDP participated in Crucial Conversations, a series hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington. We joined Bob Michael of TCADP and Lee Harbaugh, composer, author, and former jury foreman of a Tarrant County death penalty case, for a discussion on the flaws of capital punishment. Thank you, WPC Arlington, for hosting!



89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

We are currently tracking the following pieces of legislation related to reforming and ending the death penalty in Texas. **Stay tuned for ways to take action around these important bills!**

SB 432/HB 688: Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability.

SB 343, HB 454, and HB 651: Related to abolishing the death penalty.

HB 578: Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.

HB 1853 Relating to the availability of certain information regarding persons who provide materials used in the execution of a convict.

HB 2055: Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 21 years of age.

HB 5058 Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a coconspirator in a capital murder case and the review of certain convictions by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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