



## South Carolina Department of Corrections

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The capital punishment sentence of Mikal D. Mahdi was carried out tonight, pursuant to the order of the S.C. Supreme Court and in accordance with state law.

The execution was performed by a three-person firing squad at 6:01 p.m. He was pronounced dead by a physician at 6:05 p.m.

Mahdi, 41, was sentenced to death for murder, burglary and grand larceny in the 2004 death of Orangeburg Police Capt. James Myers. Mahdi shot and killed Myers, then burned his body several days after killing Christopher Boggs in Winston-Salem, N.C., during a crime spree that spanned three states. Mahdi also was serving a life sentence in North Carolina for Boggs' death.

Mahdi did not make a final statement.

Witnesses to the execution included:

- One member of the Myers family.
- A representative from the First Circuit Solicitor's office, which prosecuted the case.
- A representative from the Calhoun County Sheriff's office, which investigated the case.
- Mahdi's attorney.
- And three members of the news media.

Mahdi's specially requested meal was a ribeye steak cooked medium, mushroom risotto, broccoli, collard greens, cheesecake and sweet tea. It was served on Wednesday evening.