



## South Carolina Department of Corrections

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections received an order of execution for Death Row inmate Freddie Eugene Owens today.

The order is being served on inmate Owens this evening.

Owen's execution date will be Sept. 20, which is set by law for four Fridays from the date the department receives the order.

By law, Owens will be asked to elect his method of execution 14 days before execution day. Methods available are lethal injection, the electric chair and firing squad.

Owens, 46, was sentenced to death in 1999 after being convicted of murder, armed robbery and criminal conspiracy in Greenville County. He robbed and killed Irene Graves, who was working at a Greenville convenience store in 1997.

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

Freddie Eugene Owens, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 1999-011364

The Honorable Alexander S. Macaulay, Greenville  
County  
Trial Court Case No. 1998GS235218, 1998GS235220,  
1998GS235222

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## EXECUTION NOTICE

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TO THE HONORABLE BRYAN PETER STIRLING, DIRECTOR OF THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

This is to notify you that the sentence of death imposed in the above case from which an appeal has been taken has been affirmed and finally disposed of by the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the remittitur has been sent to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions.

IT IS, THEREFORE, required of you by Section 17-25-370 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina to execute the judgment and sentence of death imposed on said defendant on the fourth Friday after the service upon you or receipt of this notice.

Let a copy of this notice be served immediately upon the defendant.

  
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Columbia, South Carolina  
August 23, 2024

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