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Update on the Scheduled Execution of –
Brandon Bernard

Terre Haute, Indiana: Today, Brandon Bernard was executed at U.S. Penitentiary Terre Haute in accordance with the capital sentence unanimously recommended by a federal jury and imposed by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in 2000. Bernard was pronounced deceased at 9:27 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by the Vigo County Coroner.

Bernard, 40, along with several accomplices, participated in the kidnapping, carjacking, and murder of two youth ministers, Todd and Stacie Bagley. The group forced the Bagleys into the trunk of their car and eventually parked at a remote area on the Fort Hood military reservation, where an accomplice shot both victims, killing one. Bernard then set fire to the car, killing the second victim.

On June 13, 2000, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas found Bernard guilty of, among other offenses, two counts of murder within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and he was sentenced to death.

USP Terre Haute is a high-security facility with approximately 1,250 male inmates.

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