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**Update on the Scheduled Execution of –  
Keith Dwayne Nelson**

**Terre Haute, Indiana:** The Court Order to execute Mr. Keith Nelson has been fulfilled.

Pursuant to the sentence of the United States Court for the Western District of Missouri, Keith Nelson has been executed by lethal injection.

He was pronounced dead at 4:32 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by the Vigo County Coroner.

Keith Dwayne Nelson, a 45-year old male, kidnapped a 10-year-old girl rollerblading in front of her home, and in a forest behind a church, raped her and strangled her to death with a wire. On October 25, 2001, Nelson pled guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri to the kidnapping and unlawful interstate transportation of a child for the purpose of sexual abuse which resulted in death, and he was sentenced to death on March 11, 2002.

USP Terre Haute is a High security facility with approximately 1350 male inmates.

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