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**Update on the Scheduled Execution of –
Dustin John Higgs**

Terre Haute, Indiana: Today, Dustin John Higgs, 48, was executed at the U.S. Penitentiary Terre Haute in accordance with the nine capital sentences unanimously recommended by a federal jury and imposed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in 2000. Higgs was pronounced deceased at 1:23 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

In 1996, Higgs and two friends kidnapped three women and drove them to a secluded area in the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. After ordering the women out of the vehicle, Higgs gave his gun to a friend and said, “Better make sure they’re dead.” The man stepped out of the vehicle and fatally shot the three women. Higgs was found guilty of three counts of first-degree premeditated murder, three counts of first-degree felony murder, and three counts of kidnapping resulting in death, and he received nine death sentences.

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

It is the mission of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prisons and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure, and that provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens.

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