

Wesley Ira Purkey

Inmate Register Number 14679-045

Offense Information

Offense Date: January 22, 1998

Offense Description: Inmate Purkey violently raped and murdered a 16-year-old girl, and then dismembered, burned, and dumped the young girl's body in a septic pond. He also was convicted in state court for using a claw hammer to bludgeon to death an 80-year-old woman who suffered from polio and walked with a cane. On November 5, 2003, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri found Purkey guilty of kidnapping a child resulting in the child's death, and he was sentenced to death.

Sentencing and Incarceration Information

Sentenced on: January 23, 2004

Sentencing District: Western District of Missouri

Conviction: Kidnapping for the Purpose of Rape resulting in Death of the Victim

Committed: February 9, 2004 to the Federal Bureau of Prisons

Jail Credit: No Jail Credit

Time Served at date of execution: 16 years and 6 months

Inmate Description

Current Age: 68

Race: White

Gender: Male