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Man Who Led Brutal Murder of 16-Year-Old Girl From St. Croix in 1994 Set for Execution Nov. 19

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Orlando Cordia Hall

Attorney General William P. Barr on Sept. 30th [directed the Federal Bureau of Prisons](#) to schedule the execution of Orlando Cordia Hall, who was sentenced to death after kidnapping, raping, and murdering a 16-year-old girl from St. Croix, USVI in 1994. The 16-year-old, named [Lisa Rene](#), was in her first semester of an American high school and had hoped to return to the USVI as a surgeon after her studies on the mainland.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice, in September 1994, Hall and several accomplices ran a marijuana trafficking operation out of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. After a failed drug

transaction involving \$4,700, Hall and his accomplices went to the Arlington, Texas, home of a man they believed had reneged on the deal. The man's 16-year-old sister, Lisa, answered the door. Although she was simply an innocent bystander, Hall and his accomplices kidnapped her at gunpoint, and Hall raped her in the car.

Hall's accomplices subsequently drove her to a motel in Arkansas, where they raped her several more times. Hall and his accomplices then took her to a park where they had dug a grave. There, they beat her over the head with a shovel, soaked her with gasoline, and buried her alive, according to the D.O.J.

In October 1995, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas found Hall guilty of, among other offenses, kidnapping resulting in death, and unanimously recommended a death sentence, which the court imposed. Hall's convictions and sentences were affirmed on appeal more than 20 years ago, and his initial round of collateral challenges failed nearly 15 years ago. In 2006, Hall received a preliminary injunction from a federal district court in Washington, D.C., based on his challenge to the then-existing federal lethal-injection protocol.

That injunction was vacated by the district court on Sept. 20, 2020, making Hall the only child murderer on federal death row who is eligible for execution and not subject to a stay or injunction. Hall's execution is scheduled for Nov. 19, 2020, at U.S. Penitentiary Terre Haute, Indiana.