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Governor Musgrove Denies Clemency in Williams Execution

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has denied a clemency petition filed on behalf of convicted murderer Jessie D. Williams. Williams is scheduled to be executed by lethal injection at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 12. Williams was convicted in December 1983 of the murder of Karon Ann Pierce of Escatawpa.

Musgrove issued the following statement today:

“I have made the decision to deny the clemency petition of Jessie Derrell Williams.

“In December 1983, Mr. Williams was convicted of the brutal murder of 18-year-old Karon Ann Pierce. In the years since, his conviction – and the sentence of death – has been reviewed numerous times. The review process has now come to an end.

“The Pierce family deserves justice, and justice will be done.

“I ask for the prayers of all Mississippians to be with the Pierce family, especially Karon Ann’s twin sister, Sharon Ann Alford, and with the family of Jessie Williams. May God have mercy on his soul.”

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