

ROCKY MYERS

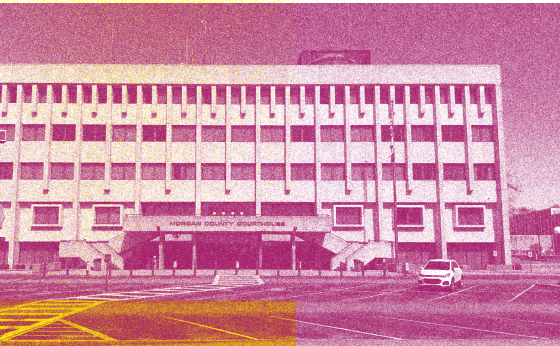
THREE DECADES ON DEATH ROW DESPITE FLAWED PROCEEDINGS

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Rocky Myers (he/him) is described by those who know him as gentle and kind. He loves his siblings, children, and grandchildren, and they adore him. He played drums in his church choir. At age 11, Rocky was diagnosed with an intellectual disability. He finds reading hard and can't keep dates or times straight in his head. One night in 1991, in the town of Decatur, Alabama, his life changed forever.

An elderly white woman was murdered in a predominantly Black neighbourhood. Rocky, who is Black, lived across the street. Despite no evidence linking him to the scene of the murder, except for a video cassette recorder belonging to the victim which Rocky maintains he found abandoned in the street, Rocky was convicted of the crime.

Testimonies were tainted by inconsistencies and allegations of police pressure – one key witness later stated that he had lied. An overwhelmingly white jury found him guilty but recommended a sentence of life imprisonment. The judge instead sentenced Rocky to death. Overruling a jury in this way is now illegal in Alabama.

The US Supreme Court ruled that defendants with intellectual disabilities “face a special risk of wrongful execution”. This is certainly true for Rocky. Burdened with ineffective legal representation and abandoned by his post-conviction lawyer, Rocky missed deadlines for appeal. His execution could be scheduled at any time, and his only hope is for the governor of Alabama to grant him clemency.

Tell the governor of Alabama to grant clemency to Rocky Myers.



ACT NOW

Demand the Governor of Alabama use their authority to grant clemency to Rocky Myers and commute his death sentence.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails. There is also a template letter if you prefer.

LOCKED IN A CELL WITH NO WINDOWS, TAKE ROCKY ON A WORLD TOUR THROUGH POSTCARDS

Print off the solidarity letter template and write him a message of hope. Send Rocky postcards or pictures of where you live, where you go on holiday, or places you love. Remember, Rocky has a hard time reading, so keep your messages simple.

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia

Please send them to us by 31 January 2024.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in March 2024 and make sure that Rocky gets your solidarity messages.



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