



Investigating Hate Crimes

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PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS

- The mission of the FBI's Civil Rights Program is to enforce federal civil rights statutes and to ensure that the protected rights of all persons are not abridged.
 - **HATE CRIMES** - Criminal offense motivated by bias against persons or property based on:
 - RACE
 - RELIGION
 - ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN
 - DISABILITY
 - SEXUAL ORIENTATION
 - **COLOR OF LAW** - Official actions taken by person (s) acting under the authority of local, state or federal laws to willfully deprive someone of a right or privilege or immunities secured or protected by the constitution or laws of the US
 - **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
 - **Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act**
 - Protects reproductive health providers, patients –
 - FBI has exclusive jurisdiction.





Hate Crimes

Hate Crime:

A traditional crime that is motivated by bias

Hate Incident:

Offensive speech or act that doesn't break a law (1st Amendment Right)



1. Title 18, U.S.C., Section 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights)
2. Title 18, U.S.C., Section 245 (Interference with Federally Protected Activities)
3. Title 18, U.S.C., Section 247 (Damage to Religious Property; Obstruction in Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs)
4. Title 18, U.S.C., Section 249, The Matthew Shepard Act 2009, (Establishes Sexual Orientation, Gender, Gender Identity and Disability as protected classes In regards to hate crimes)
5. Title 18, U.S.C., Section 3631 (Criminal Interference with Right to Fair Housing)



2010 Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Statistics Program

Hate Crimes Remain Steady

The 6,628 hate crime incidents reported by law enforcement in 2010 stayed consistent with the 6,604 incidents reported in 2009.

2010 Hate Crimes Behind the Bias

47.3%



Race

20.0%

Religion

19.3%

Sexual
Orientation

12.8%

Ethnicity/
National
Origin

0.6%

Disability

Motivation percentages
of the 6,624 single-bias
incidents in 2010:



Has anyone ever been successfully prosecuted in the United States for sending racist threats via email?

May 5, 1998

Man in Hate-Mail Case Given Probation and Fine

By REBECCA FAIRLEY RANEY [BIO](#)

SANTA ANA, Calif. -- The man who was convicted in the nation's first federal trial involving a hate crime on the Internet was sentenced Monday to a year of probation and a \$1,000 fine, although the prosecutors' request that he stay off the Internet during probation was de

The man, Richard Machado, had already served a year in jail, the maximum term for his crime. The 21-year-old Los Angeles man was convicted in February of violating the civil rights of Asian university students to whom he had sent threatening e-mail. He had sent a nine-line, profanity-filled e-mail message to 59 students with Asian-sounding names in September 1996 at the University of California at Irvine. The message said, in part, "I personally will make it my life career [sic] to find and kill everyone of you personally." It was signed, "Asian Hater."

Because he fled to Mexico after his indictment in November 1996, Machado spent a year in Federal custody after his arrest a few months later. Further terms of his sentencing in federal District Court were that he refrain from taking illegal drugs and submit to drug testing, that he undergo psychiatric counseling, with participation in a racial tolerance program as a component in that counseling, that he not set foot on the Irvine campus and that he not try to contact any of the recipients of the threatening e-mail message or anyone who testified at the trial.

Defense lawyers said they would appeal Machado's conviction.



MLK Parade Bomber





Plea Agreement

- ▣ On September 7, 2011, less than a week before trial, Harpham pled guilty to the following:
 - Title 18, USC § 2332a(a)(2) – Use of Weapon of Mass Destruction
 - Title 18, USC § 249 – Hate Crime Acts
- ▣ Sentenced on Dec 20, 2011 to 32 years



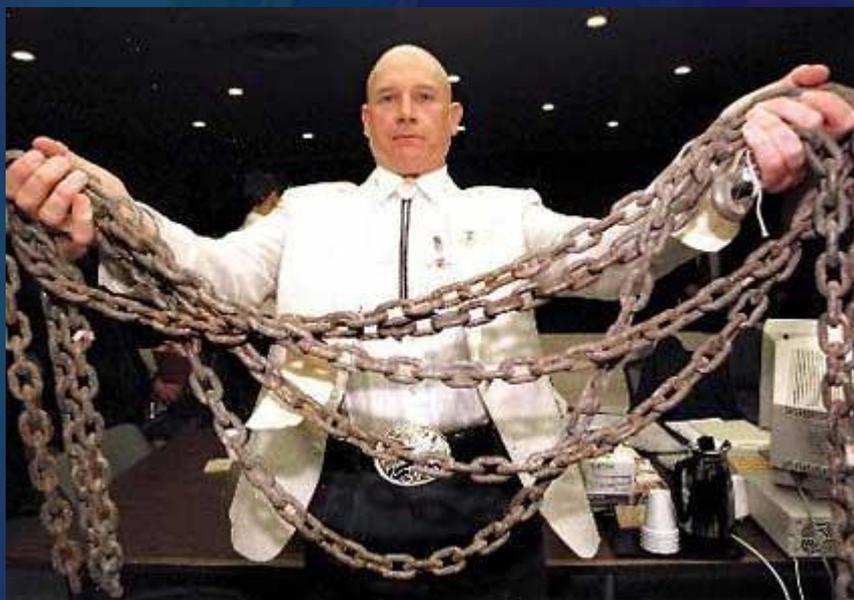
CASE: JAMES BYRD *Jasper, TX*

- ▶ THE CRIME
- ▶ THE INVESTIGATION
- ▶ THE PROSECUTION
 - State Level
- ▶ THE OUTCOME



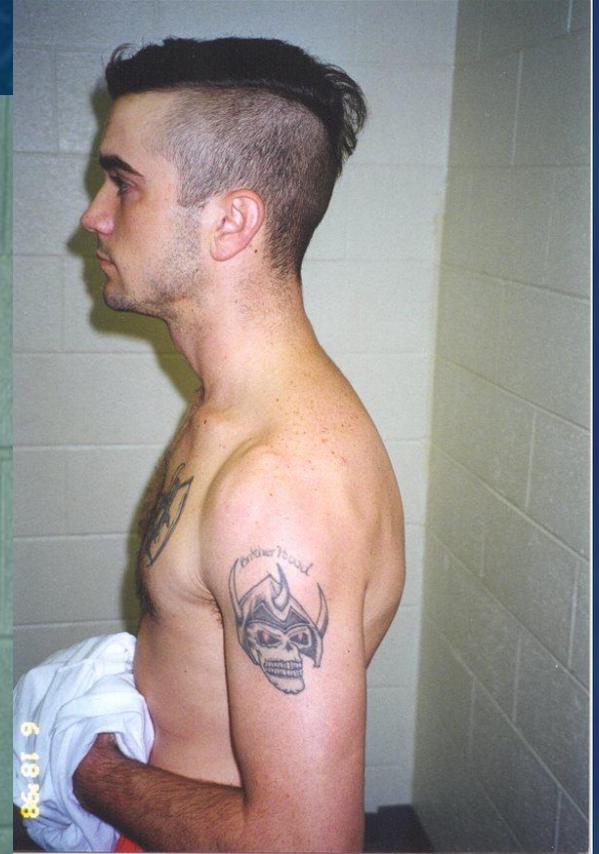


Chains and Truck used in dragging Byrd to his death





Brewer, King, Berry





Berry stated “We didn’t really plan this, we just wanted to have a little fun.”



Man executed for dragging death of James Byrd

By the CNN Wire Staff

updated 1:13 PM EST, Thu September 22, 2011



TEXAS DEPT. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Lawrence Russell Brewer, 44, is scheduled to die Wednesday by lethal injection in the killing of James Byrd.

(CNN) -- Lawrence Russell Brewer was executed in Texas Wednesday evening for his involvement in the infamous dragging death of a black man 13 years ago.

Brewer, 44, was one of three men convicted for involvement in the murder of James Byrd.

He was executed by lethal injection at 6:21 p.m. local time (7:21 p.m. ET) Wednesday, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

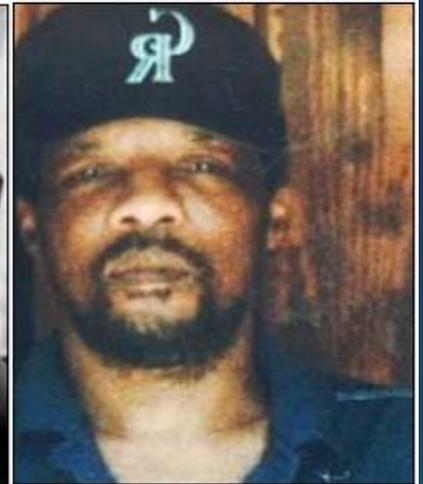
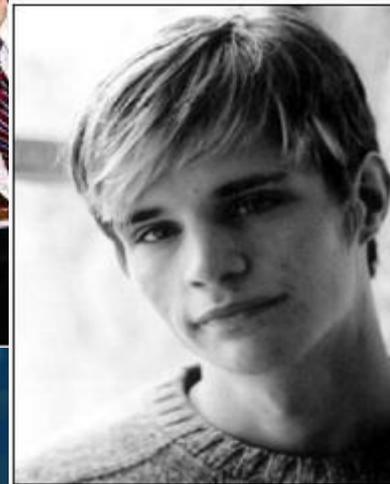
- **NEW:** Lawrence Brewer executed in Texas at 7:21 p.m. ET
- Brewer was sentenced to die by lethal injection for killing James Byrd
- Byrd was chained to a truck and dragged to death
- A prosecutor described Brewer as

Brewer ate a huge final meal, according to Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark. It consisted of chicken fried steaks, a triple-meat bacon cheeseburger, a cheese omelet, a bowl of fried okra, barbeque, fajitas, pizza, and a slab of peanut butter fudge with crushed peanuts.

After the meal, Brewer was given time to make phone calls to family and friends.



President Barack Obama Signs Hate Crimes Bill Into Law



Update: Four Men Charged With Federal Hate Crimes In Houston Beating



A federal grand jury in Houston has indicted four white suspects on federal hate crime charges related to what prosecutors say was the racially motivated assault of a 29-year-old black man last summer, the U.S. Justice Department announced Thursday

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ISLAMIC CENTER OF COLUMBIA FIRE BOMBING INVESTIGATION



Arson destroys Maury mosque

Building spray-painted with swastikas, slogans

By **BOB SMIETANA**
Staff Writer

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — A mosque belonging to a small Muslim community in Columbia was spray-painted with swastikas and then destroyed by flames early Saturday morning.

Columbia Police Chief Barry Crotzer said one of his officers had driven by the mosque around 3 a.m. Saturday and had seen nothing out of the ordinary. But when firefighters arrived at the Islamic Center of Columbia around 5:30 a.m., they found it ablaze and discovered hate slogans on the side of the building.

"One said, 'White Power,' the other said, 'We run the world,'" said Randy Thyse, assistant special agent in charge of the Memphis office of the FBI.

Agents from the FBI and the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are working with local police and fire departments to investigate the fire.

"It looks pretty obvious that it was arson," said Jim Cavanaugh of the ATF. Cavanaugh said investigators would continue working today to confirm the fire as arson.

Group is diverse



PHOTOS BY BOB SMIETANA / THE TENNESSEAN

The Islamic Center of Columbia was vandalized and set on fire early Saturday morning. Vandals also spray painted a swastika on the building on Main Street in Columbia.

Mosque: Congregation not sure if it will rebuild

FROM PAGE 1B

February 9, 2008

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008



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Mosque fire could bring hate crime charges for 3

By **KATHLEEN SMITH**
For The Tennessean

COLUMBIA — Three Columbia men could face federal hate crime charges after police say they painted swastikas and phrases such as "white power" on a mosque then set it on fire.

Investigators believe the fire at the Islamic Center of Columbia started around 5 a.m. Saturday.

Later that night authorities arrested Jonathan Stone, 19, Michael Golden, 23, and Eric Baker, 32, according to Jim Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of the Nashville office of

"You think that these walls were broken down a long time ago, but they still exist today."

— **Pastor Randy Miller of Trinity Lutheran Church**

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Authorities did not say how they tracked down the suspects.

"It affects every American and every Muslim when they see a swastika painted on the side of a mosque destroyed by arson," Cavanaugh said Sunday.

The men are being held in the

Maury County Jail and face possible federal charges for attacking a house of worship and other federal crimes, he said.

Shocked by reports of the arson and hate slogans, Pastor Randy Miller chose to pray about the matter Sunday morning with his congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia.

"You think that these walls were broken down a long time ago," Miller explained later, "but they still exist today."

"God created all of us, so respect for someone else's faith, tradition and building should exist."

The small mosque, located in a former electronics repair shop on Main Street, serves as a place of worship for the few Muslim families in Maury County.

"This is a level of hatred our community doesn't need," said the Rev. Pete Tackett, senior pastor of

► Please see **ARSON, 2B**



Basic Facts

- ▣ Fire at Islamic Center of Columbia
- ▣ February 9, 2008 at 5:20 AM
- ▣ 1317 South Main Street, Columbia, TN
- ▣ Fire Destroyed entire structure
- ▣ No Injuries or Deaths



Photos taken during fire





Command Post Established

- ▣ Participating Agencies
 - Columbia Police Department
 - Tennessee Bomb and Arson Section
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives



Islamic Center of Columbia



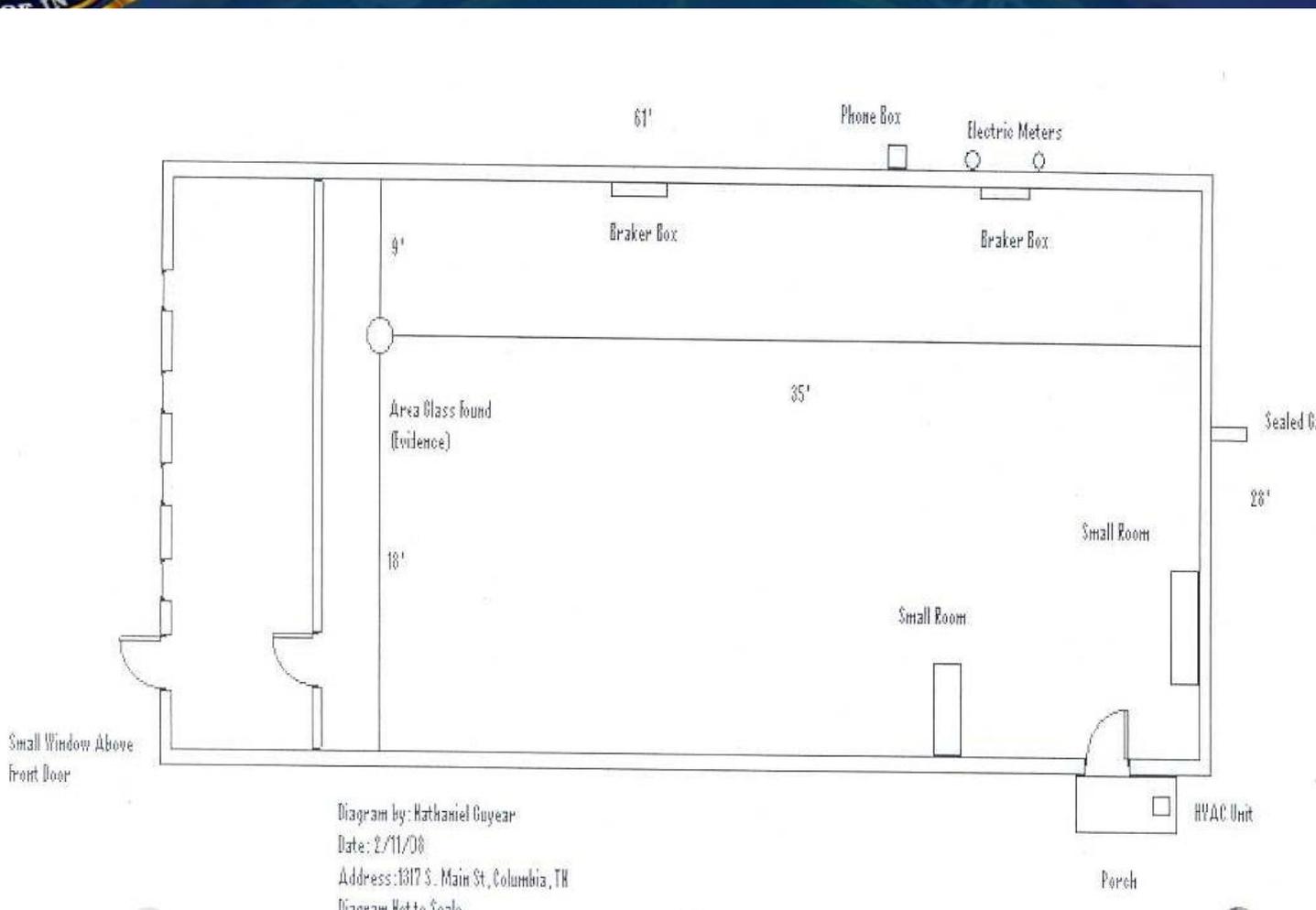


White Supremacist Graffiti





Scene Sketch





Suspect Vehicle





Spray Paint from Suspect Vehicle





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Prepay CANO2			
		Tax	5.00
TOTAL			0.00
		CASH \$	5.00
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02/09/08	04:05:05		ST# 607
No Sale			



Recovered Stolen Stereo



Arson suspects indicted on civil rights charges

Justice Dept. alleges crime premeditated

From Wire and Staff Reports

NASHVILLE — Three Columbia men accused of burning down the Islamic Center have been indicted on federal civil rights charges.

The Justice Department says a federal grand jury in



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Nashville returned the five-count indictment Wednesday against Eric Ian Baker, 32, Michael Corey Golden, 23 and Jonathan Edward Stone, 18.

The indictment charges the trio with conspiracy to violate civil rights, destroying a house of worship and possession of a destructive device, accord-



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ing to court records. The indictment alleges the three planned for a week to burn down the South Main Street center and were said to be members of a white supremacist group known as the "Aryan Alliance."

The three men used gasoline, rags and empty beer



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bottles to set the early-morning fire and spray painted graffiti on the walls, the indictment alleges.

Thursday, federal Judge Robert L. Echols scheduled an April 29 court date for the trio's lone February indictment for possession of Molotov cocktails. That date may be reset

in light of the new presentments.

State prosecutors are also awaiting indictments from the Maury County grand jury for arson of a place of worship. The three men were given a preliminary hearing Feb. 25 before Judge Lee Bailey.

The defendants could receive a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment if convicted for destroying a house of worship by using an explosive device, according to U.S. Code.

Eric Ian Baker



Eric Ian Baker

Last Name: BAKER
First Name: ERIC
Middle Name: IAN

Sex: M
Race Code: W
[REDACTED]

Height: 5 FT 11 IN
Weight: 220 LBS

Eye Color: BRO
Hair Color: BRO

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Jonathan Edwards Stone



FEB 10 2008
3:32:40 AM

Jonathan Edwards Stone

Last Name: STONE
First Name: JONATHAN
Middle Name: EDWARD

Sex: M
Race Code: W
DOB: [REDACTED]

Height: 5 FT 9 IN
Weight: 220 LBS

Eye Color: BRO
Hair Color: BRO

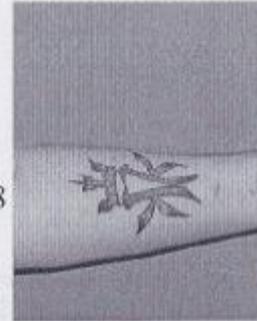
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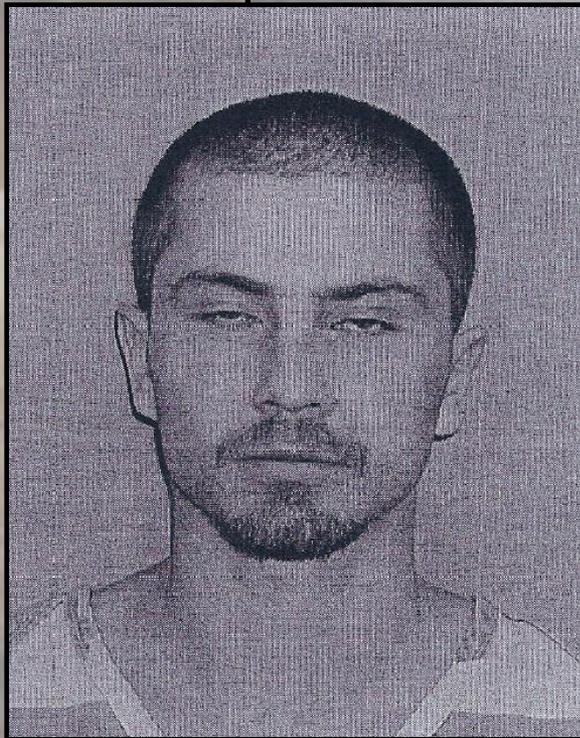


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Michael Corey Golden



Michael Corey Golden

Last Name: GOLDEN
First Name: MICHAEL
Middle Name: COREY

Sex: M
Race Code: W
DOB: [REDACTED]

Height: 5 FT 4 IN
Weight: 140 LBS

Eye Color: BRO
Hair Color: BRO

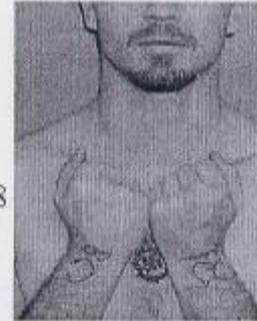
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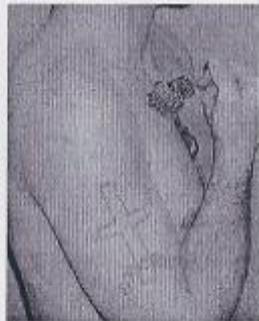
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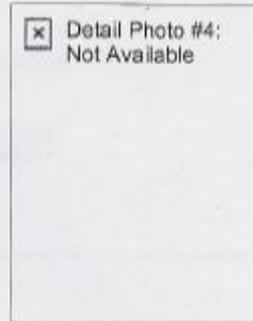
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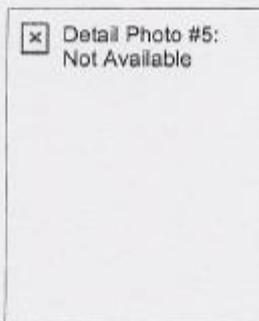
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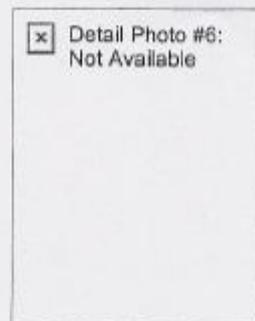
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JUSTICE

- **BAKER** : 15 yrs (03/25/2010)
- **STONE** : 6 yrs (02/25/2011)
- **GOLDEN** : 14 yrs 3 months (11/23/09)
- Pled to: 18 U.S.C. §247 Damage to Religious Property and 18 U.S.C. §844(h) Use of Fire or Explosive to Commit a Felony



Thank You!!