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IMPOSITION OF DEATH SENTENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENSES,
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The pace at which judges and juries sentence persons to death for crimes committed while under the age of eighteen remains extremely low. After peaking at ten in 1977 and then again at fourteen in 1982, it has remained below ten per year during an era in which total death sentences remained at about 300 per year. The lull in juvenile death sentencing in 1987 through 1989 is probably attributable to the then pending Supreme Court cases (Thompson v. Oklahoma and Stanford v. Kentucky). Now with those decisions behind us, the 1990s may see the juvenile death sentencing rate increased to about ten per year.

The number of such juvenile death sentences is presented in brief tabular form as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Death Sentences</u>	<u>Juvenile Death Sentences (Age at Crime)</u>			
		<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Totals</u>
1973	42	0	0	0	0
1974	151	1	0	2	3
1975	301	0	4	3	7
1976	234	0	0	2	2
1977	141	1	2	7	10
1978	188	0	1	6	7
1979	158	0	1	2	3
1980	186	2	0	1	3
1981	239	0	3	6	9
1982	277	0	1	13	14
1983	262	0	4	3	7
1984	294	3	0	3	6
1985	291	1	1	4	6
1986	315	1	3	3	7
1987	304	1	0	1	2
1988	296	0	0	5	5
1989	300*	0	0	2	2
1990	225*	1	2	4	7

Totals :	4,204	11	22	67	100

*Estimates for 1989 and first three-quarters of 1990.

I began comprehensive accounting of juvenile death sentences in 1982 and recently have attempted to compile fairly complete data for the entire, post-Furman era. However, the data from 1973 through about 1980 are still being developed and may not be as complete for those since 1980. This data compilation effort has always been and it appears will always be "research in progress," so recipients of this report are asked to complement this research with any corrections, additions, and deletions which they might be able to provide.

These 100 juvenile death sentences since 1973 are only 2% of the total (4,204) and in the last few years have fallen to around 1% of the annual total. In essence, total death sentences imposed have leveled off at about 300 each year while juvenile

death sentences have fallen to about three or four each year. This decline in juvenile death sentences may have resulted from the United States Supreme Court decision in Thompson v. Oklahoma (487 U.S. 815 (1988)) but may be reversed somewhat by that same Court's decision in Stanford v. Kentucky (109 S.Ct. 2969 (1989)).

As of October 1, 1990, thirty-one persons remained on death row for crimes committed while under the age of eighteen. The juvenile death sentences for January 1, 1973, through October 1, 1990, are listed on the following pages. While the sources of this information are many, the major source is the outstanding research effort of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and their newsletter, Death Row, U.S.A..

<u>Year</u>	<u>Offender's Name</u>	<u>Age at Crime</u>	<u>Race /Sex</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
1973	(apparently none)				
1974	Harris, John	17	B/M	OH	reversed in 1978
	Thompson, Larry	17	?/M	FL	reversed in 1976
	Vasil, George	15	W/M	FL	reversed in 1979
1975	Battie, Billie Joe	17	B/M	TX	reversed in 1981
	Bell, Willie Lee	16	B/M	OH	reversed in 1978
	Brown, Henry	16	B/M	FL	reversed in 1979
	Gibson, Samuel III	17	B/M	GA	reversed in 1976?
	Jones, Larry	17	B/M	MS	reversed in 1977;
	(see also 1977)				resentenced to death in 1977; reversed in 1983
	Stewart, Rodney L.	16	B/M	NB	reversed in 1977
	Tyler, Gary	16	B/M	LA	reversed in 1976
1976	Davis, Mark Anthony	17	B/M	OH	reversed in 1978
	Simpson, Willie	17	B/M	FL	reversed in 1982
1977	Eddings, Monty Lee	16	W/M	OK	reversed in 1982
	Ferguson, Bernard	17	W/M	TX	reversed in ?
	Jones, Larry	17	B/M	MS	reversed in 1983
	(see also 1975)				
	Legare, Andrew	17	W/M	GA	reversed in 1981;
	(see also 1982 and 1984)				resentenced to death in 1982; reversed in 1983; resentenced to death in 1984; reversed in 1986
	Magill, Paul	17	W/M	FL	reversed in 1980;
	(see also 1981)				resentenced to death in 1981; reversed in 1987

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(1977)	Morgan, James (see also 1981, 1985, and 1990)	16	W/M	FL	reversed in 1981; resentenced to death in 1981; reversed in 1984; resentenced to death in 1985; reversed in 1989; resentenced to death in 1990; now on death row
	Roach, James Terry	17	W/M	SC	executed in 1986
	Ross, Frank	15	?/M	FL	reversed in 1980
	Rumbaugh, Charles	17	W/M	TX	executed in 1985
	Valencia, Frank	16	H/M	AZ	reversed in 1982
1978	Boutwell, John Ken.	17	W/M	OK	reversed in 1983
	Bracewell, Debra	17	W/F	AL	reversed in 1981
	Burger, Christopher (see also 1979)	17	W/M	GA	reversed in 1978; resentenced to death in 1979; now on death row
	Coleman, Kevin	16	B/M	MS	reversed in 1979
	High, Jose	17	B/M	GA	now on death row
	Prejean, Dalton	17	B/M	LA	executed in 1990
	Tyner, Rudolph	17	B/M	SC	reversed in 1979
1979	Brown, Joseph	17	B/M	LA	reversed in ?
	Burger, Christopher (see also 1978)	17	W/M	GA	now on death row
	Harris, Curtis (see also 1983)	17	B/M	TX	reversed in 1982; resentenced to death in 1983; now on death row
	Smith, Reginald	16	B/M	LA	reversed in 1981
1980	Davis, Timothy	17	W/M	AL	now on death row
	Ice, Todd	15	W/M	KY	reversed in 1984
	Marshall, Joseph	15	B/M	LA	reversed in 1982
1981:	Burns, Victor	17	B/M	TX	reversed in 1985
	Buttrum, Janice	17	W/F	GA	reversed in 1989
	Graham, Gary	17	B/M	TX	reversed in 1990
	Hughes, Kevin	16	B/M	PA	now on death row
	Jackson, Carnel	16	B/M	AL	reversed in ?
	Magill, Paul (see also 1977)	17	W/M	FL	reversed in 1987

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(1981)	Morgan, James (see also 1977, 1985, and 1990)	16	W/M	FL	reversed in 1984; resentenced to death in 1985; reversed in 1989; resentenced to death in 1990; now on death row
	Pinkerton, Jay Kelly	17	W/M	TX	executed in 1986
	Tokman, George	17	W/M	MS	reversed in 1988
1982	Barrow, Lee Roy	17	W/M	TX	reversed in 1985
	Cannon, Joseph J.	17	W/M	TX	now on death row
	Cannaday, Attina	16	W/F	MS	reversed in 1984
	Carter, Robert A.	17	B/M	TX	now on death row
	Garrett, Johnny F.	17	W/M	TX	now on death row
	Johnson, Lawrence (see also 1984)	17	B/M	MD	reversed in 1983; resentenced to death in 1984; reversed in 1988
	Lashley, Frederick	17	B/M	MO	now on death row
	Legare, Andrew (see also 1977 and 1984)	17	W/M	GA	reversed in 1983; resentenced to death in 1984; reversed in 1986
	Moe, Randall	17	?/M	FL	reversed in 1982?
	Peavy, Robert	17	?/M	FL	reversed in 1983
	Stanford, Kevin	17	B/M	KY	now on death row
	Stokes, Freddie (see also 1983)	17	B/M	NC	reversed in 1982; resentenced to death in 1983; reversed in 1987
	Thompson, Jay	17	W/M	IN	reversed in 1986
	Trimble, James	17	W/M	MD	now on death row
1983	Bey, Marko	17	B/M	NJ	reversed in 1988
	Harris, Curtis P. (see also 1979)	17	B/M	TX	now on death row
	Harvey, Frederick	16	B/M	NV	reversed in 1984
	Hughes, Kevin	16	B/M	PA	now on death row
	Lynn, Frederick (see also 1986)	16	B/M	AL	reversed in 1985; resentenced to death in 1986; now on death row
	Mhoon, James	16	B/M	MS	reversed in 1985
	Stokes, Freddie (see also 1982)	17	B/M	NC	reversed in 1987
1984	Aulisio, Joseph	15	W/M	PA	reversed in 1987
	Brown, Leon	15	B/M	NC	reversed in 1988
	Johnson, Lawrence (see also 1982)	17	B/M	MD	reversed in 1988

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(1984)	Legare, Andrew (see also 1977 and 1982)	17	W/M	GA	reversed in 1986
	Patton, Keith	17	B/M	IN	reversed in 1987
	Thompson, W. Wayne	15	W/M	OK	reversed in 1988
1985	Cantu, Ruben	17	H/M	TX	now on death row
	Livingston, Jesse J.	17	B/M	FL	reversed in 1988
	Morgan, James (see also 1977, 1981, and 1990)	16	W/M	FL	reversed in 1989; resentenced to death in 1990; now on death row
	Ward, Ronald	15	B/M	AR	reversed in 1987
	Williams, Raymond	17	B/M	PA	reversed in 1987
	Willis, Robert J.	17	B/M	TX	now on death row
1986	Comeaux, Adam	17	B/M	LA	reversed in 1987
	Cooper, Paula R.	15	B/F	IN	reversed in 1989
	LeCroy, Cleo	17	W/M	FL	now on death row
	Lynn, Frederick (see also 1983)	16	B/M	AL	now on death row
	Sellers, Sean	16	W/M	OK	now on death row
	Wilkins, Heath	16	W/M	MO	now on death row
	Williams, Alexander	17	B/M	GA	now on death row
1987	Dugar, Troy	15	B/M	LA	now on death row
	Lamb, Wilburn Aaron (see also 1989)	17	W/M	FL	reversed in 1988 resentenced to death in 1989; now on death row
1988	Adams, Thomas	17	W/M	NC	now on death row
	Hain, Scott Allan	17	W/M	OK	now on death row
	Hegwood, Bernell	17	B/M	FL	now on death row
	Jimenez, Jesus	17	H/M	AZ	now on death row
	Lee, Percy	17	B/M	PA	now on death row
1989	Joyner, Richard	17	W/M	NC	now on death row
	Lamb, Wilburn Aaron	17	W/M	FL	now on death row
1990	Ellis, Ralph	17	W/M	FL	now on death row
	Flowers, Clayton Joel	15	W/M	AL	now on death row
	Furman, Michael M.	17	W/M	WA	now on death row
	Hart, Gary Davis II	16	B/M	AL	now on death row
	Morgan, James (see also 1977, 1981, and 1985)	16	W/M	FL	now on death row
	Slayton, Nathan	17	W/M	AL	now on death row