

15TH DISTRICT COURT OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

The State of Texas v. Lester Leroy Bower, Jr.

Bower · No. 033426, 033427, 033428 & 033429; related appellate numbers AP-69,333 through AP-69,336, AP-70,995 through AP-70,998, and WR-21,005-2 through WR-21,005-5 · Decided June 15, 2015

SUMMARY

This document comprises the execution order, death warrant, officer's return, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice director's return and certificate concerning Lester Leroy Bower, Jr. The documents record that Bower's death sentence was carried out by lethal injection at the Huntsville Unit on June 3, 2015, following state and federal post-conviction proceedings. The certificate states that the remains were released to a funeral home agent for a requesting relative.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	15th District Court of Grayson County, Texas
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	June 15, 2015
DOCKET	033426, 033427, 033428 & 033429; related appellate numbers AP-69,333 through AP-69,336, AP-70,995 through AP-70,998, and WR-21,005-2 through WR-21,005-5
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The document consists of a state district court order setting the execution of a defendant sentenced to death, the resulting death warrant, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice director's return and certificate after execution. It is not a merits opinion resolving a legal appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential_record

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Bower was convicted of capital murder in four Grayson County causes and received a death sentence on May 7, 1984. Following direct affirmance and multiple denials of state and federal collateral relief, the Grayson County district court issued an order and death warrant directing that the sentence be carried out on June 3, 2015. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported that the execution was completed by intravenous injection at the Huntsville Unit.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lester Leroy Bower, Jr. was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death in the 15th District Court of Grayson County on May 7, 1984. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the convictions in 1989 and denied state habeas relief in 1992 and again in 2014. After the United States Supreme Court denied certiorari and the stay of execution was lifted, the district court set the execution for June 3, 2015. The execution was carried out on that date, and the director filed the required return and certificate.

DISPOSITION

other