

Killer of young couple fights tonight's execution

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ANGOLA, La. — Two courts have refused to block the execution early Thursday of Elmo Patrick Sonnier, whose newly hired attorney is moving from court to court trying to pin two lovers' lane killings on Sonnier's brother.

The young man to a tree, raping the young woman and then killing them both.
Sonnier is scheduled to be electrocuted between midnight and 1 a.m. CST.
The fathers of the two Sonnier victims will be official state witnesses at his execution.
After the two denials Wednesday, Quigley filed an appeal with U.S. district Judge John Shaw in Opelousas.
"If (Shaw) rules against us, we will go to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans," he said. "If they rule

against us, we will go to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Sonnier lost his appeal Wednesday to state District Judge C. Thomas Bienvenue of New Iberia and the state Supreme Court. Each of those courts, as well as Shaw and the higher federal courts, previously have denied Sonnier appeals.

Sonnier, 35, was sentenced to death for the killings of Loretta Bourque, 18, and David LeBlanc, 16, of New Iberia.

Sonnier and his brother, Eddie, abducted the couple from a lovers' lane. Elmo was convicted of pulling the trigger and was sentenced to die. Eddie, who was convicted of holding a flashlight for Elmo, is serving a life prison sentence.

Corrections Department Secretary C. Paul Phelps said he interviewed the fathers of the victims, Lloyd LeBlanc and Godfrey Borque, before agreeing to let them watch Sonnier's electrocution.



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Senate rejects El Salvador proposal

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WASHINGTON — The Senate turned back a new effort Wednesday to limit President Reagan's authority in Central America, rejecting a bid to prevent him from sending combat troops to El Salvador without congressional approval.
"The administration has repeatedly stated it has no intention of introducing U.S. troops in El Salvador," Sen. Bob Kas-

ten, R-Wis., said in opposing the measure by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.
But Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said: "We can see where this fellow is taking us. ... I believe the day after he is rejected you will see American troops fighting in Latin America."
The proposal — an amendment to a bill providing emergency aid to El Salvador — was rejected 59-36.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., failed in a similar attempt last week, but the new amendment picked up the support of some Democrats who had opposed his earlier efforts to bar combat troops from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.
Earlier in the day, the Senate sent a warning to the Salvado-

ran military by approving an amendment that would halt U.S. aid to the embattled country if the army overthrows El Salvador's duly elected president.
Although the proposal by Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., does not mention any individual, it was clearly intended to protect moderate Jose Napoleon Duarte, who faces a runoff election with rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson.
Kennedy said the latest amendment would mean "no blank check for Ronald Reagan to send combat troops into El Salvador."
Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., called the proposal a "seriously flawed policy" that would undermine the president's authority as commander-in-chief.

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Former intelligence official charged with espionage

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WASHINGTON — A former Army intelligence official whose business ventures drove him to bankruptcy was arrested Wednesday and charged with selling the Soviet Union information about a U.S. double agent.
Richard Craig Smith, 40, of Bellevue, Wash., was accused of taking \$11,000 from a KGB agent for information that would allow the Soviets to identify a double agent whose mission was to identify KGB spies.
Smith was arrested at Dulles International Airport in suburban Virginia when he stepped off a plane from Seattle.
Officials identified Smith as a former employee of the Army's Intelligence and Security Command, which protects the Army against spies. They said he sold

the Soviets information that would allow them to identify "Royal Miter" — a top double agent.
Through "Royal Miter," the FBI said, INSCOM was able to identify KGB officers engaged in espionage against the United States and to determine KGB intelligence priorities and methods of operations.
"The existence of the Royal Miter operation and all details concerning its execution are classified as secret," the government said.
From October 1976 to July 1978, Smith acted as a case officer or alternate case officer for "Royal Miter." The FBI said Smith met with the double agent and "had access to and knowledge of classified information concerning the operation."
A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment on whether Smith was operating with authorities. The spokesman also refused to comment on the fate of "Royal Miter."
Smith took the civilian post in INSCOM in 1975 after leaving the army with the rank of sergeant. He left the government in 1980.
Smith told the FBI that, after resigning from INSCOM, he borrowed extensively to finance business ventures, affidavits showed. He then experienced serious financial difficulties, he declared bankruptcy during the summer of 1982.
The government said Smith met with a Soviet KGB agent in Tokyo in November 1982 and transmitted classified information concerning "Royal Miter."
The FBI affidavit said Smith told an agent he provided the Soviets classified information about "Royal Miter."
The FBI said Smith received \$11,000 in cash from the KGB agent, identified as Victor Okunev. The transaction took place at the Soviet commercial compound in Tokyo, authorities said.
Justice Department sources said Okunev, the Soviet agent, is expected to be expelled from Japan shortly.
Smith was in the Army from 1967 until 1975, when he switched to civilian duty with INSCOM. He left the army with the rank of sergeant.
Smith's arrest culminated a lengthy investigation by the FBI and the Justice Department. He was arrested upon his arrival at Dulles. Authorities said he had agreed to surrender upon arrival.
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