

Trucker executed for double slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Former long-haul trucker Orien Cecil Joiner went quietly to his death Wednesday, proclaiming his innocence while insisting he was ready to die.

murdered knows I am innocent. And when I get to heaven, I'll be meeting you and we'll all talk." Joiner, 50, said he felt sorry for the family of the victims, but that someday the real killer would be caught and another execution would have to take place.

Joiner's execution brought to 25 the number of condemned inmates put to death in Texas this year. One more execution is set for later this month and at least six are scheduled for August.

Marie DeForest, 29, after seeing two men flee the women's apartment and escape over a backyard fence. Authorities, however, determined it was Joiner who was responsible for the carnage.

Joiner's shirt matched blood types of both women. "The state doesn't have prove motive, but obvious the sexual aspect looms large in that regard," former Lubbock County District Attorney Travis Ware, who prosecuted Joiner, said this week.

"If it takes my death to make them happy, then I will bless them."

— Orien Cecil Joiner, Death-row inmate

FBI uses 'Carnivore' for snooping Critics attack email interception program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil liberties and privacy groups are railing against a new system designed to allow law enforcement agents to intercept and analyze huge amounts of e-mail in connection with an investigation.

'assurance' that the FBI will record only conversations of the specified target," read the letter. "This 'trust us, we are the government' approach is the antithesis of the procedures required under our wiretapping laws."

The system, called "Carnivore," was first hinted at on April 6 in testimony to a House subcommittee. Now the FBI has it in use.

Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the ACLU, said citizens shouldn't trust that such a sweeping data-tap

When Carnivore is placed at an Internet service provider, it scans all incoming and outgoing e-mails for messages associated with the target of a criminal probe. In a letter addressed to two members of the House subcommittee that deals with Fourth Amendment search-and-seizure issues, the American Civil Liberties Union argued that the system breaches the Internet provider's rights and the rights of all its customers by reading both sender and recipient addresses, as well as subject lines of emails, to decide whether to make a copy of the entire message.

"Law enforcement should be prohibited from installing any device that allows them to intercept communications from persons other than the target." Barry Steinhardt, associate director of ACLU

News in Brief Court lifts order from Lufkin schools

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — The Lufkin school district has been released from a 30-year desegregation order after a federal judge Tuesday approved an agreement between the school system and the U.S. Justice Department.

The decision by U.S. District Judge John Hannah ends three decades that saw the district's decisions monitored by federal officials.

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