

## State executes second man in two days Convicted killer of 11-year-old girl sent to death chamber

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Mention the name of a convicted killer Tony Chambers to Smith County Assistant District Attorney Ed Marty and thoughts are with a murdered 11-year-old girl, the skin on her stomach etched more than 100 times.

"I think of carving on a little girl's stomach," Marty said. "I think of him taking a young girl out to the woods, raping her, choking her and then cutting her with a scalpel and a protractor."

"Man, you talk about a dull instrument," he said of the D-shaped tool used by schoolchildren to learn how to measure angles.

Chambers, 32, was set to die Wednesday evening of the abduction and murder of Carenthia Marie Wiley, who disappeared after attending a middle school basketball game 10 years ago in Tyler.

His lethal injection, the second in as many days, would be the 37th this year in Texas, equal-

ing the record number of executions carried out by the state in 1997. Another execution was set for tonight.

Chambers, born in Pageland County, S.C., had no prior prison record but testimony at his trial showed a history of arrests for public intoxication, burglary and assault. His former girlfriend testified that after they broke up, he threw rocks at her house, ripped out the phone lines and tossed a Molotov cocktail through a window.

He declined to be interviewed by reporters in the weeks leading up to his execution.

Chambers was seen leaving the basketball game with the girl Nov. 19, 1990. Her body was found two days later in a wooded area near Tyler's Dogan Middle School.

Besides the stomach wounds, she had been raped and strangled.

"I didn't mean to hurt her," he told officers

when police informed him the girl's body had been discovered.

Chambers became a suspect after two of the people who saw him leaving the game with the girl confronted him when she failed to return home. He responded with a vulgarity about her and fled, then called police to tell them the witnesses were trying to harm him.

"He made some remark that he was being chased by her cousins," Marty said. "He eventually confessed to police. ... He gave six different confessions, including insisting on taking police officers to the scene to hunt for the scalpel and protractor."

In his confessions, he said he raped the girl, tied her to a tree with her shoelaces, then choked her for about three minutes before untying her and then carving her stomach. Authorities said his description of the carvings contained details only the killer would know.

## Six Houston counties try to bypass smog plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Six of the seven suburban counties ringing Houston have banded together in opposition to the state's sweeping smog reductions around the nation's reigning smog capital and plan to appeal to federal officials to be excluded from the plan.

Officials from Fort Bend, Waller, Liberty and Chambers counties have agreed to join Brazoria and Montgomery counties to resist the state's plan to place their areas under the same environmental restrictions proposed for Houston and Harris County, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday.

Houston replaced Los Angeles last year as the city reporting the

most days in violation of federal smog standards, a notoriety that became campaign fodder used against Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential nominee.

After returning the ozone title earlier this year to Los Angeles, Houston reclaimed it in September by exceeding national smog standards for a 37th day.

The state's plan is designed to comply with the federal Clean Air Act and bring levels of ground-level ozone, a respiratory irritant, below the national health standard by 2007 in Harris, Brazoria, Galveston, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Chambers, Liberty and Waller counties.

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