

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

Advisory for June 23, 2023 at 11am CDT

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Oklahoma Prisoner Anthony Sanchez Rejects Clemency Process (Execution date 9/21/23)

Who: Representatives of Anthony Sanchez

What: Press Conference via zoom - [Register here](#).

When: 11am CDT, June 23, 2023

Where: Via Zoom - [Register here](#).

Why: Prisoner facing execution requests that no clemency hearing take place

Oklahoma City - Anthony Sanchez, who is scheduled to be executed in Oklahoma on September 21, 2023 in revenge for his alleged 1996 murder of Juli Busken, has dismissed his attorneys, [submitted a request to represent himself going forward](#), and asked the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board to cancel his scheduled clemency hearing. Sanchez is the first Oklahoma prisoner among the slate of 25 executions announced last summer to eschew the clemency process. He has submitted a letter declaring that he does not wish to participate in a process whose outcome is predetermined, and which does not allow him to pursue his claim of actual innocence. In his [letter to the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board](#), Sanchez wrote:

"I realized that I don't have to do the clemency hearing at all. Such a path will free me up to spend the precious time that I have working to prove my innocence and not investing in a path that is predetermined. I don't want clemency. I want to prove that I did not kill Juli Buskin. I want to be declared actually innocent. You just don't offer a forum for accomplishing that. I've seen you smash demonstrably innocent cases repeatedly."

An audio recording of Mr. Sanchez explaining his decision will be shared during the press conference, which will take place at 11am CDT on Friday, June 23, 2023. This event is part of the ongoing #FreeAnthonySanchez campaign, whose goal is exactly that: Halt the execution and free an innocent man who has been on Oklahoma's death row nearly 20 years for a crime he did not commit.

The event will be live streamed via Zoom. [Click here to register](#).

Additional information is at <https://www.freeanthonysanchez.org>

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