

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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ADVOCACY GROUPS DECRY EXECUTION

Atmore, AL, January 25, 2024 at 8:30pm CT - Kenneth Smith was asphyxiated using nitrogen gas by the state of Alabama this evening, the first time this execution method has been used.

"The world has watching as an outrageous and unnecessary injustice took place, and Governor Kay Ivey is party to a torturous violation of human rights and the right to life," said Abraham Bonowitz, executive director of Death Penalty Action. "If Kenny Smith were on trial [today](#), he could not be sentenced to death at all because his jury was not unanimous regarding his sentence, and jury overrides were outlawed in Alabama in 2017."

NOTICE: HEAR DIRECTLY FROM REV. DR. JEFF HOOD FOLLOWING THE EXECUTION

Following the execution, Rev. Dr. Jeff Hood, who will be in the execution chamber with Kenneth Smith, will address the media at a press conference at the Holiday Inn conference space close to the prison, at 111 Lakeview Circle in Atmore. This will take place 45 minutes following the post-execution press conference by the ADOC. The livestream will start at approximately 9:30pm CT For those not present in-person, **this event will ONLY be livestreamed on Death Penalty Action's [Facebook](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#), and [Youtube](#) platforms.**

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