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U.S. Supreme Court Declines to Hear Greenwood Elementary School Murderer's Appeal

COLUMBIA - The United States Supreme Court today declined to hear the appeal of James Wilson, a Greenwood man sentenced to death for 1998 killing spree at a Greenwood Elementary School.

Wilson was asking the high court to overturn a December 2003 decision by Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals reinstating the two (2) 1989 murder convictions after U.S. District Judge Matthew Perry had earlier that year issued an order overturning the convictions and granting a new trial.

Wilson received two death sentences for the September 26, 1988 murders of Tequila Thomas and Shequila Bradley, two students at Oakland Elementary School in Greenwood.

"I'm very pleased by the court's actions today," said Attorney General Henry McMaster. "We are one step closer to justice finally being served."

The Supreme Court of South Carolina will set an execution date for Wilson.

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