

Please support legislation creating an Objective Death Penalty Study Commission with an Execution Moratorium during the study

WHY? Questions are being raised concerning the death penalty system in Missouri.

We've got Questions. We Need Answers.

Question #15

Do death penalty cases require a greater level of evidence than non-capital cases?

- In 1994, Rick Clay was convicted of murder solely on circumstantial evidence. In 2002, a federal judge reprimanded the prosecutors for withholding evidence that could have exonerated him, and the courts cited them for using perjured testimony. Yet Mr. Clay is still on death row facing imminent execution.¹
- The case against Roy Roberts for killing a guard rested on four supposed eyewitnesses, none of whom had initially identified Roberts. Eight other inmates and one guard insisted that Roberts was not even close to the murder. Roberts even passed a lie detector test. Still Roberts was executed in 1999.²

These are a few of the cases that raise sufficient questions for us to wonder if the standard of evidence being used on death penalty cases is conclusive enough to warrant the ultimate sentence.

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Because the Ultimate Punishment Deserves Study

Moratorium Now! is a campaign coordinated by civic and religious groups from across Missouri. Currently, more than 300 Missouri organizations, houses of worship and businesses have called for a moratorium on executions while Missouri's death penalty is studied.

For more information and citations, please visit www.MoratoriumNow.net

¹ "Estranged Wife Involved in Death of Husband" *The Journal*, August 23, 2001.

² "Reasonable Doubts," Alter, Jonathan, "How Sure is Sure Enough? Missouri Executed Roy Roberts – But There are Still Haunting Questions About His Guilt," *Newsweek*, March 22, 1999.