

## Troy Davis – Case Timeline

- Aug. 18, 1989 Late at night, Michael Cooper was shot at party in the Cloverdale neighborhood. At approximately 1:00 am Larry Young was pistol-whipped and Officer Mark Allen MacPhail was shot at the Burger King parking lot on Oglethorpe Avenue next to the Greyhound Bus Station.
- Aug. 23, 1989 Troy Davis surrendered to authorities and was arrested.
- Nov. 15, 1989 Troy Davis was indicted in the Superior Court of Chatham County for the murder of Mark MacPhail.
- Aug. 28, 1991 Troy Davis was convicted of murdering Mark MacPhail and for assaulting Michael Cooper and Larry Young on the same night.
- Feb. 26, 1993 Georgia Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and sentence.
- Sept. 9, 1997 State court denies habeas petition.
- Nov. 13, 2000 Georgia Supreme Court affirmed state court's denial of habeas relief.
- May 13, 2004 US District Court denied Davis federal habeas corpus relief.
- Sept. 7, 2005 Eleventh Circuit heard oral arguments.
- Sept. 26, 2006 Eleventh Circuit affirmed the denial of federal habeas corpus relief.
- June 25, 2007 Supreme Court of the U.S. denied request for appeal.
- June 29, 2007 Chatham County Superior Court issued an execution warrant: July 17-24.
- July 5, 2007 Department of Corrections set execution for 7:00 pm on July 17.
- July 16, 2007 State Board of Pardons and Paroles held a clemency hearing and later that day ordered a stay of execution for up to 90 days.
- Aug. 3, 2007 Georgia Supreme Court agreed to hear appeal for new trial in November.
- Nov. 13, 2007 Georgia Supreme Court heard oral arguments.
- March 17, 2008 Georgia Supreme Court denies Davis' appeal for a new trial.
- Sept. 12, 2008 Georgia State Board of Pardon and Paroles denies clemency.
- Sept. 23, 2008 Supreme Court of the U.S. issues a stay of execution pending the disposition of the petition for a writ of certiorari filed on Davis's behalf.
- Oct. 14, 2008 Supreme Court of the U.S. denies Davis's petition for certiorari, effectively ending the appeals process.
- Oct. 15, 2008 Chatham County Superior Court issues a new execution warrant.
- Oct. 24, 2008 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit grants stay of execution, permits counsel to submit more appellate briefs.
- Dec. 9, 2008 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit will hold oral arguments in Atlanta on Davis' petition.

## **Call to Action: Stop the Execution of Troy Davis**



Troy Anthony Davis has been on death row in Georgia for more than 16 years for the murder of Police Officer Mark Allen MacPhail at a Burger King in Savannah, Georgia – **despite strong evidence suggesting he is innocent**.

- There was no physical evidence against Troy Davis.
- The weapon used in the crime was never found.
- The case against him consisted entirely of witness testimony.
- Seven of the nine non-police witnesses have recanted or contradicted their testimony.
- Many of these witnesses have stated that they were pressured or coerced by police.
- One of the two witnesses who has not recanted or contradicted testimony is Sylvester Coles, the principal alternative suspect.
- Nine individuals have signed affidavits implicating Sylvester Coles.

**Troy Davis has never had a hearing in federal court on the reliability of the witness testimony used against him.**

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