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Georgia's capital punishment for death penalty was around since colonial times. First ever known execution was in 1735, it was by hanging. Back then any crimes including, murder, robbery, rape, horsetealing and aiding a runaway slave was punishable to death. Up until 1920s all the execution was done by hanging and in 1924, electric was used to carry out the death penalty. Before 1976, Georgia had fourth highest rate of execution in any state, where Georgia carried out 950 executions. In 2001. The Georgia Supreme Court declared that the electric chair was cruel and is an unusual punishment so it was converted to lethal injection.

On August 11, 1967, William Furman broke into William Micke's house, murdered him and fled the scene. Later he was arrested and was sentenced to death on september 26,1968. After one day trial. The sentence was overturned by the Supreme Court on the basis of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments.

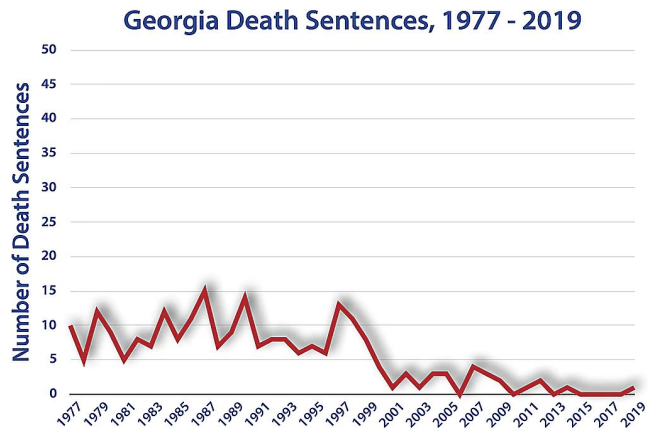
Current number of execution and other information

Current death row inmates are 45 and one of them is a woman. There are some innocent people who were freed from death row and the number is 6. The location where the execution occurs in Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison, Jackson. You can find the current death row inmates by going to,

<http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/GDC/OffenderQuery/jsp/OffQryForm.jsp>



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Resources:

<https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/state-and-federal-info/state-by-state/georgia>

http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/sites/all/files/pdf/Research/Standing/Death_penalty_in_Georgia.pdf

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/next-to-die/ga>