

80's Hip-Hop Artist Cool C to be Executed 3-9-06

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Governor Edward G. Rendell has signed a warrant for the execution by lethal injection of Christopher Roney aka Cool C of the 80's Philadelphia 'Hilltop Hustlers' hip-hop / rap group.

The execution of rap artist Cool C (Christopher Roney) is scheduled for Thursday, March 9.

In March 1997, the hip-hop rapper was sentenced to death for the first-degree murder of Philadelphia Police Officer Lauretha Vaird during a failed PNC Bank robbery he committed along with two accomplices.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed the rappers sentence on Jan. 20, 2005.

On June 13, 2005, Roney filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. Certiorari was denied on Oct. 3.

The rap artist, now 36 years old, is an inmate of the State Correctional Institution at Greene in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Governor Rendell has now signed 47 death warrants.

As a member of the hip-hop group "Hilltop Hustlers", Cool C showed his rap talents on tracks like 'I Gotta Habit' and 'Glamorous Life'.

His hip-hop and rap MC talents landed him a contract with Atlantic records in 1988; he released 2 albums with Atlantic.

Now he is scheduled to die Thursday, March 9th.

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