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Gov. Bush signs death warrant for Osceola County killer

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Gov. Jeb Bush signed a death warrant for a convicted murderer who strangled and hanged an Osceola County woman more than five years ago.

Bush set April 5 as the day of execution for Glen Ocha, who has changed his name legally to Raven Raven.

Ocha, 47, was convicted of killing Carol Skjerva, 28, at his Buenaventura Lakes home Oct. 5, 1999.

He was drunk and high on Ecstasy when he met Skjerva at a bar. She drove him home, and the two had sex. Afterward, Skjerva made a disparaging comment, enraging the man.

Ocha tried to strangle her three times until his arms got tired. So he hung Skjerva from a door and drank a beer while she died.

"This was a very heinous crime ... After a thorough and thoughtful appeals process, that was the end of it," Bush spokesman Jacob DiPietre said of the governor's decision Thursday.

Skjerva moved to Kissimmee in 1992 in hopes of becoming a flight attendant. She had been living with a boyfriend and helping to raise his young son.

Ocha pleaded guilty without a trial and would not let a public defender present evidence to try and avoid execution. Ocha asked an Osceola County judge to sentence him to die, and then later fired an attorney who tried to appeal the ruling.

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