## Man who killed ex-girlfriend with fire gets death penalty

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Dane Abdool, the man convicted of burning his ex-girlfriend to death, will get the death penalty.

This morning, Orange Circuit Court Judge Lisa Munyon followed a jury's recommendation that Abdool, 21, die by state execution.

Prosecutors say Abdool, who was 19 at the time, doused Amelia Sookdeo, 17, with gasoline and set her on fire in February 2006. He left her to burn on the side of County Road 545 in <u>Winter Garden</u>.

In December, the 12-person jury found him Abdool, 21, guilty of first-degree murder. They voted 10-2 in favor of the death penalty. It's rare for a judge to go against a jury's recommendation.

According to the Department of Corrections, Abdool will be one of the youngest prisoners on death row.

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