

Death Penalty Still Stands for Local Murderer

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Paul Glen Everett, the Alabama man who raped and murdered a Panama City Beach woman in November 2001, will stay on Florida's death row.

Circuit Judge Don Sirmons has rejected Everett's claims he had ineffective counsel when he was tried for the rape and murder of Kelli Bailey. Everett had also claimed the death penalty should not have been applied in this case.

He also challenged the admission of some of the evidence used against him. Judge Sirmons heard those arguments late last year when Everett was granted an evidentiary hearing.

Ms. Bailey was attacked in her own home after Everett entered through an unlocked door. She was beaten with a wooden club, her neck was broken and she died from strangulation.

Everett stole \$70.00 and a credit card from the 31 year old victim.

Everett was eventually captured in Alabama. He was tried, convicted and put on death row, as recommended by his trial jury.