

Turnpike murderer gets new day in court

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) -- The Florida Supreme Court is considering an appeal from a convicted murderer who is facing the death penalty.

John Richard Marek was convicted of the 1983 kidnapping, rape and strangulation of a woman whose car had broken down on the Florida Turnpike.

The high court has already ordered a stay to his scheduled May 13th execution. The court ruled the original sentencing judge should have removed himself from the case.

Marek's lawyer argued Wednesday that newly discovered evidence points to Marek's co-defendant as the actual killer.