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New Attorneys Appointed for Death Row Inmate John Lotter

(AP / KLZA) - A federal judge has granted a motion by condemned Nebraska inmate John Lotter to have new attorneys appointed to represent him in his efforts to get off death row.

Lotter and co-defendant, Marvin Thomas Nissen were convicted in the 1993 slaying of Teena Brandon, a 21-year-old woman who lived briefly as a man, and two witnesses, Lisa Lambert and Philip Divine. The murders occurred at a home south of Humboldt in Richardson County. Both men were sentenced in Richardson County District Court.

The crime inspired the 1999 movie "Boys Don't Cry." Lotter has maintained his innocence.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf last week granted Lotter's request to appoint Rebecca Woodman and Jessica Sutton - both attorneys with the Death Penalty Litigation Clinic in Kansas City, Missouri, as his lawyers in all clemency and post-conviction proceedings.

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