

Lotter asks U.S. Supreme Court to take case

**LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska death row inmate John Lotter, of Falls City, is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up his challenge to his death sentence.**

**The Lincoln Journal Star reports that Lotter is asking the country's highest court to review a U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals order issued in July denying his motion to proceed with an appeal in federal court.**

**Lotter is challenging Nebraska's three-judge method for determining death sentences. He cites a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down Florida's death penalty process, saying it gave too much power to judges to make the ultimate decision.**

**Lotter was condemned in 1996 for his role 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 DeVine, at a rural Humboldt farmhouse.**

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