

Falls City Man Challenging Nebraska Death Sentence Rules

**(AP/KLZA)-- A Falls City man sentenced to death for his role in the December 31, 1993 slaying of Teena Brandon, Lisa Lambert and Phillip DeVine at a farmhouse south of Humboldt is challenging Nebraska's three-judge method for determining death sentences.**

**The Omaha World Herald reports that attorney's for John Lotter argue that he had a right to have jurors, not judges, decide his fate when he was given the death sentence in 1996. The attorney's cite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that struck down Florida's death penalty process, saying it gave too much power to judges to make the ultimate decision.**

**In Nebraska three judges determine if a person convicted of murder receives a death sentence.**

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