

# Doyle Lee Hamm has been on Alabama's death row for thirty years, since 1987.

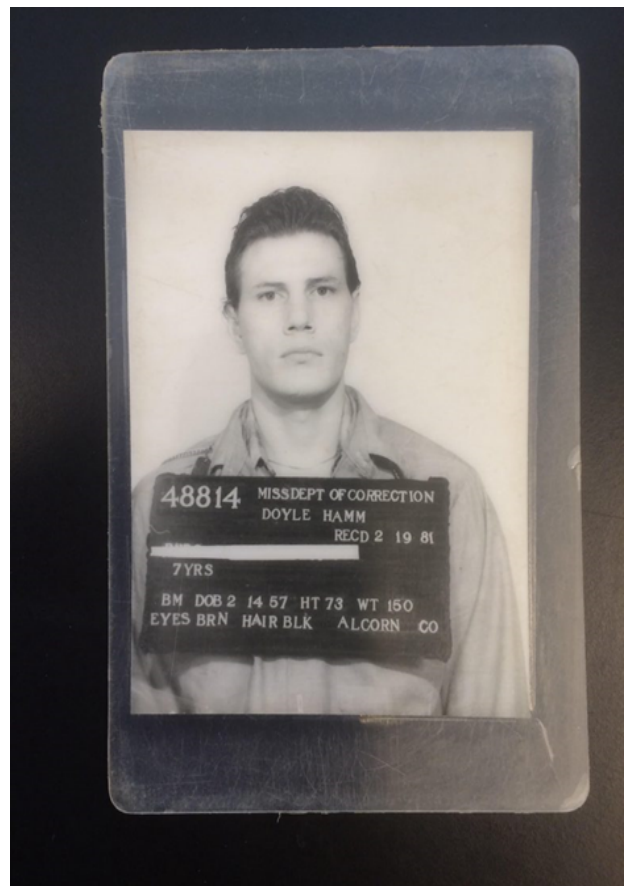
Doyle Hamm is now 60 years old and has cranial and lymphatic cancer. Doyle is terminally ill.

**The Alabama Supreme Court has just set an execution date for February 22, 2018.**

A few years ago, Doyle was found to have a "large cell lymphoma" behind his left eye and in his cranium—more specifically in "the left orbit and skull base." The MRI scan of his head confirmed "the presence of a tumor extending through the foramina into the pterygoid space and into the middle cranial fossa." At the time, the medical reports and CT scans indicated numerous abnormal lymph nodes in the chest, lungs, and abdomen, as well as risk of involvement of the spinal fluid. It is almost certain that the cancer has metastasized.

Doyle Hamm received radiation treatment to his skull for his cranial cancer, which was believed to have helped; but he has never been treated for the abnormal lymph nodes in the chest, lungs, and abdomen. Sadly, in April 2017, a biopsy of his eye tissue tested positive for cancer. It appears his cancer has progressed. Mr. Hamm has been scheduled for surgery in the coming weeks. Mr. Hamm is currently on a heavy dose of prescribed painkillers, which he takes three times a day to manage his pain.

Doyle Hamm's cancer and cancer treatment are likely to interact negatively with Alabama's lethal injection protocol and to result in a botched execution. For other reasons as well, and the radiation treatment especially, Doyle is no longer a proper candidate for execution.



Visit <http://blogs.law.columbia.edu/update-hamm-v-alabama/>

**for background, articles, and updates on this case.**

*(More on what you can do to help Doyle on reverse.)*

Doyle Hamm would be deeply grateful for any assistance you could lend to him, and thanks you from the bottom of his heart. We would propose a few ways in which you could help.

## 1/ Writing to Alabama Governor Kay Ivey

Doyle Hamm will be pleading for clemency from Governor Kay Ivey of the state of Alabama. It would be very helpful to write to Governor Ivey in support of clemency. It would be worth emphasizing that Doyle Hamm is now ill with cancer and going through treatment, and also that his case raises many issues about the independence of the Alabama judiciary in light of the fact that the Alabama Attorney General wrote the state court's judicial opinion. You can write to Governor Kay Ivey at the following address:

*Office of the Governor of Alabama  
attn. Clemency: Doyle Lee Hamm  
Alabama State Capitol  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130  
Phone: (334) 242-7100*

Please send us a copy of any letters you write so we can also include them in our clemency efforts. Please send copies to:

*Anna Krauthamer  
Columbia Law School  
435 West 116th Street  
New York, NY 10027*

## 2/ Sharing information about Doyle Hamm's case with your friends

Please share our website, linked above, and this information about Doyle Hamm's case with your friends and acquaintances.

## 3/ Please follow new developments on social media and on our website.

We will be keeping our website updated. We will also post updates on our Facebook page and on our Twitter account. We will be adding the hashtag #DoyleHamm to our Tweets and posts if you would like to follow any developments.

Please also feel free to write to Doyle at Donaldson Correctional Facility and tell him that you are supporting his efforts to stay alive. You can write to Doyle Hamm and we will forward the letter to him. So please write to the following address.

*Doyle Lee Hamm  
c/o Anna Krauthamer  
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435 West 116th Street  
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# Visit the links below to read about Doyle's case:

<http://www.law.columbia.edu/news/2017/10/doyle-lee-hamm-death-penalty>

<http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-long-defense-of-the-alabama-death-row-prisoner-doyle-lee-hamm>

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2016/06/19/the-death-penalty-case-where-prosecutors-wrote-the-judge-s-opinion#.s0rkF1j6Q>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/wp/2016/06/23/in-alabama-death-penalty-cases-judges-opinions-are-routinely-written-by-prosecutors/?utm\\_term=.72c2115cfbd3](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/wp/2016/06/23/in-alabama-death-penalty-cases-judges-opinions-are-routinely-written-by-prosecutors/?utm_term=.72c2115cfbd3)



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