

since the death penalty was reinstated

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Marion Wilson Jr. had been convicted of killing a man who gave him a ride outside a Walmart store in Georgia, authorities said.

(CNN) — A Georgia inmate convicted in the killing of man who gave him a ride in 1997 died by lethal injection Thursday, the state's [Department of Corrections](#) said.

Marion Wilson Jr. is the 1,500th person to be executed in the United States since the return of the death penalty in 1976, according to the [Death Penalty Information Center](#).

His execution was carried at 9:52 p.m. ET at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison in Jackson, Georgia after the US Supreme Court denied a stay of execution.

Wilson was sentenced to death in 1997 for the murder of Donovan Corey Parks in southeast Atlanta. Parks was found dead on a residential street after he gave Wilson and another man a ride from a Walmart store. Parks had gone to the store to buy cat food and accepted to give them a ride when they approached him in the parking lot, authorities said.

Wilson was been convicted in Baldwin County, Georgia of malice murder, felony murder, armed robbery, hijacking a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime and possession of a sawed-off shotgun, according to the [state's office of the attorney general](#).

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles met to consider clemency for Wilson on Wednesday but ultimately denied his request, officials said.

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There are 48 inmates on Georgia's death row.