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Statement from Gov. Steve Beshear on Marco Allen Chapman

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 17, 2008)—“This morning, I met with several church leaders and mental health representatives regarding the capital punishment case of Marco Allen Chapman. I had previously met with the Catholic bishops, who have corresponded with me on this issue. I greatly appreciate their perspective on the issue of clemency and their sincere opposition to capital punishment. However, I believe that capital punishment is appropriate in the case of particularly heinous crimes, absent some strong extenuating circumstances. I have reviewed the facts of this case in detail and have given much prayerful thought to it. I do not find any such strong extenuating circumstances in this case. Mr. Chapman has been found guilty of a vicious and almost indescribable crime. There is absolutely no dispute about his guilt and Mr. Chapman has been found competent in four different proceedings. Therefore, absent any further legal impediments which might arise, the state will proceed with carrying out the sentence of the court.”

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