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Michael Ryan's Post-Conviction Relief Motion Denied

(AP)- -The Nebraska Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by death row inmate Michael Ryan seeking to be released from prison.

Ryan was sentenced to death for the 1985 cult-related killing of James Thimm near Rulo.

Ryan filed a request with Richardson County District Court for post-conviction relief in 2012, challenging how Nebraska obtained one of three drugs that would be used to execute him. Inmates typically file post-conviction relief motions after they have exhausted all other appeals.

The lower court denied Ryan's request without holding a hearing, and Ryan appealed.

On Friday, the state's high court upheld the rejection of Ryan's request, saying courts can only enter relief when a prisoner shows that a denial or infringement of his constitutional rights would nullify his conviction.

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