

Neb executes first prison inmate since 1997

(AP)-- Nebraska has carried out its first execution since 1997 with the lethal injection of Carey Dean Moore, who fatally shot two Omaha cab drivers almost four decades ago.

Moore was executed Tuesday morning with a combination of four drugs that had never been used before in an execution in the United States, including the powerful opioid fentanyl. The execution also marked the first lethal injection in Nebraska.

Moore was one of the nation's longest-serving death row inmates. His death comes about three years after Nebraska lawmakers abolished the death penalty, only to have it reinstated the following year through a ballot initiative partially financed by Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts.

A German pharmaceutical company tried to block the execution by alleging the state had illicitly obtained at least one of its drugs. A federal judge refused to stall the execution.

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