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**KASICH TEMPORARILY POSTPONES EXECUTION DATE FOR BRETT XAVIER HARTMAN**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that he has temporarily postponed the execution of death row inmate Brett Hartman from Aug. 16 to Nov. 13, 2012.

The postponement is in response to the July 8, 2011 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Gregory L. Frost in the case of death row inmate Kenneth Wayne Smith in which the judge issued an injunction halting Smith's scheduled execution on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The postponement will give the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the needed time to implement changes to the execution protocol that were mandated by the judge's ruling. At present, the next scheduled execution is that of inmate Billy Slagle on September 20, 2011.

Hartman was sentenced to death in 1998 for the 1997 killing of Winda Snipes in Akron.

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