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Joe has felt for 27 years that he was tormented by the guards by an ultrasound machine. The machine sent out ultrasonic waves that infiltrated his mind to tell him what to do and inflicting excruciating pain. He wanted to escape prison and this torture.

For attorneys, it is an uncomfortable place being at odds with your client. This is especially the case when your client is tortured by the symptoms of mental illness – not the ultrasound that he wholeheartedly believed was torturing him. This is even more so when realizing he could have avoided the death penalty altogether, but for the mental illness. But that would have required him to acknowledge his schizophrenia, and as an expert noted – he would rather die than do that. That is exactly how the government was able to kill him.

We stand resolute that permitting Joe's execution to proceed has done harm to the rule of law. The applicable legal standards from the United States Supreme Court were not followed, and the safeguards of our Constitution to protect the most vulnerable among us seemingly were ignored. The previous process of this state's courts was cast away in favor of a false sense of expedience. Thus, Indiana executed Joe, and the usual legal processes were never employed. It is disappointing that Indiana chose to restart executions in such an unfortunate manner – a week before Christmas, a season intended for life and joy.

We are mindful of the loss that so many families have endured and the memories this event brings forth in what is otherwise typically a happy holiday season. We express to them our deepest sympathies, and we hope that they continue to heal and find peace.

- Joseph Corcoran's Legal Team