

## Two felons executed by injection



SMYRNA, Del. (AP) — James Allen Red Dog received final rites from a medicine man, told his wife "I'm going home, babe" and was executed by injection Wednesday for slitting a man's throat in a drunken rage.

Hours earlier, Arizona executed John George Brewer, who admitted he strangled his pregnant fiancée, then had sex with the corpse.

Neither man made a legal appeal to save their lives. Their executions were the second for each state since resuming capital punishment.

After a prayer ceremony with a medicine man, Red Dog, a Sioux Indian, said: "I'd like to thank my family and friends and (attorney Edward) Pankowski for supporting me and all others who treated me with kindness."

"As for the rest of you, you all can kiss my ass."

As the lethal dose of drugs was administered, Red Dog choked and told his wife, Bonnie, "I'm going home, babe."

She leaned toward the window of the execution room, responding, "I know, I love you. I'll be there soon."

Red Dog, 39, had killed at least twice and was living in Delaware under the federal witness protection program when he murdered Hugh Pennington, an acquaintance, in February 1991. He then kid-

napped a woman and raped her.

Red Dog had been placed in the witness program in 1988 after testifying about prison gangs and the American Indian Movement.

He was sentenced to death last year after pleading no contest to first-degree murder, rape, kidnapping and weapons charges.

Brewer, 27, was executed 90 minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2 to lift a stay imposed by a federal appeals judge.

Brewer admitted he beat and strangled 23-year-old Rita Brier, who was 22 weeks pregnant, in their Flagstaff apartment in 1987.

Red Dog repeatedly said he wanted to die and his family supported his decision, saying in a statement he was going to his death "with pride and dignity ... and proud that he's giving in return for what he took — a life."

Unlike Red Dog, Brewer's family opposed his death sentence.

On Tuesday, Arizona's Board of Pardons and Paroles refused to intervene after hearing Brewer's mother plead for his life.

"I've been trying to prevent him from committing suicide ever since he was a small child. Today I was trying to prevent him from committing suicide again," Elsie Brewer told the board.

Brewer, however, said he felt death was "an appropriate penalty" for his crime.

## Police violated policy with King, official says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three policemen broke Police Department policy by kicking or beating Rodney King after he had fallen, a police official testified Wednesday in the officers' federal trial.

Sgt. Mark Conta, head of physical training and self-defense at the Los Angeles Police Academy, said Officer Laurence Powell should have stopped beating King after his baton blows knocked King to the ground.

"An officer should use only the force that is reasonable and necessary to overcome a suspect's resistance," Conta said. Powell, who struck King the most times, is on trial along with Officer Theodore Briseno, former officer Timothy Wind and Sgt. Stacey Koon on charges of violating King's civil rights.

The four were acquitted of most charges in a state trial last April, touching off three days of deadly riots in Los Angeles.

Wednesday marked the second anniversary of the March 3, 1991, beating, which was videotaped by a witness.

The white officers claimed they continued to beat King, a black motorist stopped for speeding, because they felt threatened by him. But Conta said King "did not demonstrate combative or aggressive behavior that would constitute a threat."

Koon, the officer in charge, is not accused of beating King. But Conta denounced him for failing to stop the clubbing and kicking, though he said Koon didn't violate police policy.

## Airing cult sermon may lead to media abuse, analysts say

DALLAS (AP) — Airing a religious cult leader's radio sermon during a standoff was a necessary part of negotiations, but opened the door to madmen monopolizing the media, experts said Wednesday.

David Koresh, leader of the

heavily armed Branch Davidian religious sect, had promised an immediate, peaceful surrender Tuesday if radio stations played his taped 58-minute monologue.

Dallas radio station KRLD and the Christian Broadcasting Net-

work agreed to the FBI's request to play the tape, but there was no surrender.

"In this case, I would have agreed with KRLD. Koresh had promised that (the surrender) will happen if you will air this tape," said Darwin Payne, head of the

journalism program at Southern

Methodist University.

"On the other hand ... it would tend to promote other people to want to demand air time — unless we don't do that," Payne said.

Tony Cooper, an expert on terrorism, agreed that playing the

tape may set a dangerous precedent.

Nevertheless, Cooper said, the media and authorities had little choice.

"If we had denied him this possibility, would he kill a hostage?" he said.

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