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**KASICH STATEMENT ON DECISION TO APPEAL CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
RULING TO U.S. SUPREME COURT**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich and Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that the State of Ohio will ask the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse a decision by lower federal courts that indefinitely postponed the execution of Charles Lorraine. Kasich issued the following statement:

“Attorney General Mike DeWine and I agree that Ohio’s administration of capital punishment is constitutional and we have asked the Supreme Court of the United States to affirm that. This is a responsibility that Ohio officials take very seriously and we respect Judge Frost’s authority and commitment to a constitutional process. We will continue to work with him to ensure that Ohio’s process meets its constitutional requirements.”

Lorraine was convicted and sentenced to death in 1986 for murdering Doris and Raymond Montgomery in Warren. Lorraine’s scheduled execution for Wednesday will not occur until the federal court’s indefinite stay of execution is lifted.

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