

# lifespark video list

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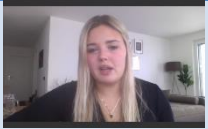


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## 1. Penpalships


State	Title	Duration	Language	Summary	Link
Florida	<b>Mein Brieffreund sitzt in der Todeszelle</b> January 19, 2021	04:20	Swiss German	<b>Telebasel Glam.</b> Interview with Marina Fischer, who has her own podcast, <a href="#">Deadline Grüsse aus dem Todestrakt</a> , about her penfriendship with Oak, imprisoned on death row in Florida.	
Florida	<b>I've made friends with a murderer on death row</b> April 5 2017	06:28	English	<b>ITV This Morning</b> Healthcare worker Tina Brown from East Sussex talks about her correspondence with Florida death row inmate Joel.	
Texas	<b>Ruedi Ritz</b> June 25, 2009	12:26	Swiss German	<b>SF Aeschbacher.</b> Interview with Ruedi Ritz, retired physician and lifespark member, about his pen pal-ship with Texas death row inmate Marvin.	

## 2. Life on the row

State	Title	Duration	Language	Summary	Link
(several)	<b>Women on Death Row II</b> 2015	1:28:00	English	<b>Richard Swindell.</b> This documentary will take you behind the razor wire, bringing you the testimonies of women on death row. <i>(part II)</i>	
California	<b>Lockup – Inside San Quentin</b> 2006	46:43	English	<b>National Geographic.</b> Documentary about San Quentin prison, which also houses California's male death row and which is briefly portrayed, beginning at 13:15.	
Indiana	<b>Inside Death Row with Trevor McDonald (part I)</b> January 2013	01:00:01	English <a href="#">German Translation (1/1)</a>	<b>itv.</b> Trevor McDonald goes inside one of America's most notorious maximum security prisons where he meets 12 condemned men awaiting execution. <i>(part I)</i>	
Indiana	<b>Inside Death Row with Trevor McDonald (part 2)</b> January 2013	45:08	English	<b>itv.</b> Trevor McDonald goes inside one of America's most notorious maximum security prisons where he meets 12 condemned men awaiting execution. <i>(part II)</i>	
Louisiana, Texas	<b>Death Row Kids</b> January 2005	25:59	English	<b>Journeyman Pictures.</b> Documentary about death row in Louisiana and Texas including interviews with two inmates that were sentenced to death at the age of 17.	
Texas	<b>Extended Interview with Rodney Reed</b> February 26, 2015	31:31	English	<b>Fox 7 Austin.</b> The stay of execution for Rodney Reed buys him time to prove his innocence. Noelle Newton on FOX 7 talks to Reed while he still sits on death row.	
Texas	<b>Heute im Gespräch: Anthony Graves (part I)</b> May 17, 2011	14:40	English, German subtitles	<b>SHF.</b> Interview with Anthony Graves, the 12 <sup>th</sup> death row inmate exonerated in Texas, when he visited Switzerland. <i>(part I)</i>	
Texas	<b>Heute im Gespräch: Anthony Graves (part II)</b> May 26, 2011	16:09	English, German subtitles	<b>SHF.</b> Interview with Anthony Graves, the 12 <sup>th</sup> death row inmate exonerated in Texas, when he visited Switzerland. <i>(part II)</i>	
Texas	<b>Ivan Cantu, a regular death row inmate</b> December 2011	25:56	English	<b>YouTube.</b> Ivan Cantu is on Texas death row since 2011. In this video, he talks about his life, his fight and about his wife.	
Texas	<b>Opening of Texas' New Death Row</b> June 8, 1990	2:29	English	<b>Robert Riggs.</b> This video gives an inside view of the Polunsky Unit shortly before the inmates were moved in after an escape had occurred in the Ellis Unit.	
Yemen	<b>Kids on Death Row – Yemen</b> April 14, 2013	15:48	English	<b>Journeyman Pictures.</b> Yemen's death row houses many children. Now, Yemen's Children's Parliament is calling their adult leaders to account.	





Indonesia	<b>The Condemned</b> January 24, 2011	42:04	English	<b>Journeyman Pictures.</b> Three of the infamous 'Bali Nine' are on Death Row in Bali. Unprecedented access was gained for this report.	
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### 3. Execution

State	Title	Duration	Language	Summary	Link
(several)	<b>Death Row: The Final 24 hours</b> April, 30 2012	42:28	English	<b>WAG TV.</b> Insider stories told by the men who work on death row on what happens in the final 24 hours before an execution.	
(several)	<b>Henker erzählen – Todesstrafe in den USA</b> 2004	49:08	German	<b>Einsfestival.</b> Documentary about people involved in executions and their perspective in taking the life away of hundreds of inmates in the name of justice.	
Mississippi	<b>Fourteen Days in May (part I)</b> 1987	43:27	English	<b>Paul Hamann.</b> Detailed documentary of the final days of Edward E. Johnson, who was executed in Mississippi's gas chamber on May 20, 1987. <i>(part I)</i>	
Mississippi	<b>Fourteen Days in May (part II)</b> 1987	43:35	English	<b>Paul Hamann.</b> Detailed documentary of the final days of Edward E. Johnson, who was executed in Mississippi's gas chamber on May 20, 1987. <i>(part II)</i>	
Texas	<b>Death Row Texas</b> July 12, 2009	46:58	English	<b>National Geographic.</b> Video follows three death row inmates as their executions draw near, as well as their loved ones and players in the act of execution.	
Texas	<b>Ein Tod in Texas – Die Hinrichtung der Frances Newton (part I)</b> 2006	10:50	German <a href="#">French Translation (1/3)</a>	<b>Con Voi Filmproduktion.</b> Documentary about the Frances Newton and the last days of her life. <i>(part I)</i>	
Texas	<b>Ein Tod in Texas – Die Hinrichtung der Frances Newton (part II)</b> 2006	10:57	German <a href="#">French Translation (2/3)</a>	<b>Con Voi Filmproduktion.</b> Documentary about the Frances Newton and the last days of her life. <i>(part II)</i>	
Texas	<b>Ein Tod in Texas – Die Hinrichtung der Frances Newton (part III)</b> 2006	10:59	German <a href="#">French Translation (3/3)</a>	<b>Con Voi Filmproduktion.</b> Documentary about the Frances Newton and the last days of her life. <i>(part III)</i>	
Texas	<b>Ein Tod in Texas – Die Hinrichtung der Frances Newton (part IV)</b> 2006	10:59	German	<b>Con Voi Filmproduktion.</b> Documentary about the Frances Newton and the last days of her life. <i>(part IV)</i>	
Texas	<b>Kenneth Foster's Use of Force</b> August 30, 2007	22:56	English	<b>D.R.I.V.E. Movement.</b> This is a video taken when Kenneth Fosters refused to cooperate about the transportation to Huntsville for execution. Governor Rick Perry later commuted his death sentence.	

Texas	<b>Life on Death Row – Crisis Cases</b> March 17, 2014	50:04	English	<b>BBC.</b> Film about the Texas Innocence Network, Robert Pruett and Robert Garza and a student involved in a last ditch attempt to save a death row prisoner from execution.	
Texas	<b>Post aus dem Todestrakt</b>	08:38	German	<b>SPIEGEL.TV.</b> A German teacher set herself to stand by her pen pal during the final phase of his life and witnessed his execution.	
Texas	<b>Zum Tode verurteilt – Ein Verstoss gegen die Menschenrechte</b> 2002	27:49	German	<b>Gunther Franke.</b> Documentary about capital punishment in Texas with special emphasis on the cases of Monty Delk and Thomas Miller-El.	
Belarus	<b>Cause of Death</b> December 09, 2011	21:50	Belarusian, English subtitles	<b>Human Rights Center.</b> Film about the death penalty in Belarus, which addresses the grief of convicts' relatives.	
Belarus	<b>Henker in Weissrussland: "Ein Job wie jeder andere."</b> September 27, 2011	02:38	Belarusian, German subtitles	<b>Amnesty Deutschland.</b> Short interview with Colonel Oleg Alkajew, former leader of the Minsk firing squad (1996-2001).	

## 4. Victims and forgiveness

State	Title	Duration	Language	Summary	Link
Texas	<b>A World Without Hate</b> September 12, 2011	25:34	English	<b>MuslimsAmerica.</b> This is a story of two ordinary people. Circumstances brought them to a cross road where one will end up forgiving the other.	
Texas	<b>Angel Cook</b> May 28, 2014	05:41	English, German subtitles	<b>Fabian Biasio.</b> Interview with Angel Kirtland Cook, who witnessed the execution of the murderer of Kandy Kirtland, her little sister.	
Texas	<b>Jan Brown</b> May 28, 2014	05:47	English, German subtitles	<b>Fabian Biasio.</b> Jan Brown talks about the execution of her daughter's murderer in Huntsville.	
Texas	<b>Tina Duroy</b> May 28, 2014	05:33	English, German subtitles	<b>Fabian Biasio.</b> Tino Duroy was present when her brother was executed in 2003.	

## 5 Miscellaneous – individual cases

State	Title	Duration	Language	Summary	Link
(several)	<b>Deadly Injustice - USA</b> July 09, 2007	17:31	English	<b>ABC Australia.</b> Americans joke that the death penalty is known as capital punishment because only those without capital get punished. But is it just a joke?	
(several)	<b>Solitary confinement on death row is mental torture: psychiatrist</b> September 25, 2014	08:59	English	<b>Worldcoalition.</b> Dr Terry Kupers explains how solitary confinement has compounded mental health issues among prisoners - a clear violation of human rights standards.	
(several)	<b>Todeskandidaten eine Stimme geben</b> December 16, 2013	03:26	Swiss-German	<b>SRF.</b> Eight young Swiss artists go on tour with "Inmates' voices". They composed songs from texts and poems from correspondences with US death row inmates.	
Alabama	<b>A New Trial for a Death Row Inmate</b> January 25, 2012	58:30	English	<b>Duke Law School.</b> Chris Christie (L'85) talks about representing death row inmate Victor Stephens. In 2011, a federal court granted Stephens a new trial.	
Arizona	<b>Former Death Row Inmate Debra Milke and her Lawyers Speak to Press</b> March 24, 2015	1:15:39	English	<b>Fox 10 Phoenix.</b> Debra Milke, a woman who was on death row for 22 years in the murder of her 4-year-old son, is now free - and she speaks publicly for the first time.	
Arizona	<b>Justice Gone Wrong – The Debra Milke Story</b> October 11, 2011	07:44	English	<b>Jacques Secretan (lifespark member).</b> Film with Jacques Secretan about the case of Debra Milke, convicted of the murder of her son Christopher Conan Milke in 1990.	
Florida	<b>Aileen Wuornos: Life and Death of a Serial Killer</b> January 15, 2013	1:29:44	English	<b>Nick Broomfield.</b> Documentary on Aileen Carol Wuornos, a highway prostitute, who was executed in 2002 for killing seven men in the state of Florida.	
Florida,	<b>Confessions from Death Row</b> September 22, 2011	42:29	English	<b>Prison Diaries.</b> This episode features Emilia Carr, one of the 63 women on US death row and Patricia Ignacio, sentenced to 15 years for 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree murder.	
Florida	<b>Death Row – James Barnes</b>	45:12	English	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his wife, James Barnes had already spent eight years behind bars when he confessed to a previous crime.	
Florida	<b>Todesstrafe für eine Lüge – Der Fall Dieter Riechmann</b>	1:29:18	German	<b>Peter F. Müller.</b> Documentary about Dieter Riechmann, a German that was sentenced to death by electric chair in a trial based on circumstantial evidence in 1988.	
Georgia	<b>A life in the balance (part I)</b> August 24, 2011	09:16	English	<b>Amnesty International.</b> Part one "The Investigation" gives a thorough explanation of Troy Davis' case as well as the many problems with how the crime was investigated. (part I)	
Georgia	<b>A life in the balance (part II)</b> August 24, 2011	08:37	English	<b>Amnesty International.</b> Part two "A case Unraveled" examines how the evidence in his case has completely fallen apart. (part II)	



Georgia	<b>A life in the balance (part III)</b> August 24, 2011	08:00	English	<b>Amnesty International.</b> Part three "Proving Innocence" examines how the legal system makes extraordinarily difficult to prove one's innocence. <i>(part III)</i>	
Georgia	<b>Live Broadcast from Troy Davis Execution: Did Georgia Execute an Innocent Man</b> September 22, 2011	347:18	English	<b>Democracy Now!</b> Live broadcast from the prison grounds, speaking with Davis's supporters and family members and those who witnessed his execution at 11:08 p.m. EDT.	
Japan	<b>Escaping Japan's Death Row</b> July 31, 2014	32:04	Japanese English subtitles available ( <a href="#">help</a> )	<b>Fu-Films.</b> On march 27th 2014, Iwao Hakamada was finally released from Death Row, having served a record breaking 47 years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit.	
Nevada	<b>Emperor of Death Row – Patrick McKenna</b> 2003	50:23	English	<b>KLAS TV News.</b> Whether he deserves the reputation as Nevada's most dangerous prisoner's troubled life raises disturbing questions about crime and punishment.	
Ohio	<b>Die zweite Hinrichtung – Amerika und die Todesstrafe</b> 2012	1:28:52 6 episodes	Deutsch	<b>Michael Verhoeven.</b> In 2009, the State of Ohio tried to execute Romell Broom and failed after two hours of not finding a vein. Ohio claims it has a right to try again.	
Ohio	<b>To Kill or Not to Kill in Ohio</b> November 16, 2011	07:41	English	<b>The Daily.</b> Story on the debate in Ohio over the death penalty following the execution of R. Brooks, a 66 year old man who had spent three decades on Ohio's death row.	
Switzerland	<b>Umstrittene Todesstrafe-Initiative</b> August 24, 2010	04:20	German	<b>SRF 10vor10.</b> News report and reactions on a planned initiative to reintroduce the death penalty in Switzerland (which was finally dropped).	
Texas	<b>Body of Evidence</b> September 04, 2011	07:14	English	<b>TheTexasTribune.</b> The State of Texas says Larry Swearingen raped and murdered M. Trotter. More than a half-dozen scientists say her body proves otherwise.	
Texas	<b>Death by fire</b> October 19, 2010	54:11	English	<b>PBS FRONTLINE.</b> The case of Cameron Todd Willingham, put to death for the arson-murder of his three little girls, remain controversial. Was he really guilty?	
Texas	<b>Death Row – Hank Skinner</b> 2012	44:51	English	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Conversation with Hank Skinner, who was sentenced to death 18 years ago for the fatal stabbing of his girlfriend and her two mentally impaired sons.	
Texas	<b>Garza Closeup YouTube Vimeo HD 720p</b> September 19, 2013	21:20	English	<b>(Unknown).</b> Interview with Robert Garza the day before his execution.	
Texas	<b>Grave Injustice</b> April 23, 2011	41:42	English	<b>CBS 48 Hours Mystery.</b> Sixteen years after Anthony Graves was convicted of murder and sentenced to death, students helped to set him free.	
Texas	<b>Into the Abyss</b> September 03, 2011	1:47:14	English, Croatian subtitles	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Documentary film about two men convicted of a triple homicide, which occurred in Conroe, Texas.	

Texas	<b>Nothing But One Big Setup</b> February 03, 2010	53:25	English	<b>Columbus School of Law Video Channel.</b> CUA Law alumnus Brian Stolarz spoke about his pro bono representation of Texas death row inmate Alfred Dewayne Brown.	
Texas	<b>On Death Row – Conversations with Blaine Milam</b>	42:41	English	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Conversation with Blaine Milam, sentenced to death for the beating death of 13-month-old Amora Carson.	
Texas	<b>On Death Row – Conversations with Douglas Feldman</b> September 24, 2013	41:49	English	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Conversation with Douglas Feldman, who received the death penalty for killing two truck drivers in 1998	
Texas	<b>Rick Perry On Death Penalty And 'Ultimate Justice'</b> September 08, 2011	02:05	English	<b>CNSNews.</b> At the close of the GOP presidential debate, Gov. Rick Perry was asked to defend his records of sending 234 prisoners to their deaths during his tenure in office.	
Texas	<b>TEDxAustin – David R. Dow</b> February 17, 2012	18:52	English	<b>TEDxAustin.</b> David R. Dow asks to consider a different story in today's death penalty debate - one that begins several chapters before the devastating crime.	
Texas	<b>The Long Goodbye</b> October 28, 2008	19:26	English	<b>Texas Monthly.</b> Exclusive video of convicted murderer Charles Dean Hood as he talks about the day he almost died.	
Texas	<b>Texas Seven</b> January 08, 2013 5 episodes	44:44	English	<b>Werner Herzog.</b> Documentary about the group of prisoners who escaped from the John B. Connally Unit on December 13, 2000 – a maximum-security state prison.	
Texas	<b>The British Woman on Death Row</b> October 28, 2011	47:27	English	<b>Channel 4.</b> Film-maker Steve Humphries goes in search of the real Linda Carty, who is days away from becoming the first British woman to be executed in 50 years.	
Texas	<b>Todd Willingham and Rick Perry's Cover up</b> October 13, 2009	46:56	English	<b>Rachel Maddow Show.</b> Report on the decision of Governor Rick Perry allowing the execution of Todd Willingham despite forensic evidence of his innocence.	