

**Beulah Grace Sissons Cox – born March 27, 1952  
Murdered April 18, 1983**

**Court Sets Killer's Execution Jan. 7**

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A man convicted of killing a woman in Noble County in 1983 will be executed Jan. 7, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals said Wednesday.

John Walter Castro Sr. was convicted of killing Beulah Grace Sissons Cox on April 18, 1983, in rural Noble County near Lake McMurtry.

Castro also was convicted of killing another woman in 1983 in Kay County. This appeal still is pending.

Cox's body was found four months after she disappeared after Castro told a Kay County jail inmate about the slaying, Attorney General Drew Edmondson said.

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Cox, 31, met Castro near the Oklahoma City bus station and agreed to give him a ride to Stillwater, Edmondson said.

Cox was shot in the head with a .25-caliber pistol.

Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Castro's appeal of his conviction and death sentence in Cox's slaying.

Edmondson filed a petition with the Court of Criminal Appeals later Monday asking that an execution date be set for Castro because he had exhausted all his appeals.