



# CALIFORNIA ON BLAST

( CALIFORNIA'S DEATH PENALTY SCHEME )

ONLY 2% OF COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE NATION'S DEATH ROW POPULATION. OF THE TOP TWELVE COUNTIES WITH THE MOST DEATH SENTENCES, SEVEN OF THEM ARE IN CALIFORNIA.

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OF THE 58 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SENDS THE MOST PEOPLE TO DEATH ROW. LOS ANGELES IS AMONG THE TEN COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA (\*) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF DEATH SENTENCES IN THE STATE.

OVER THE LAST DECADE, WITH DEATH SENTENCES DECREASING THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION, THESE TEN COUNTIES ACCOUNT FOR AN EVEN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE ON CALIFORNIA'S DEATH ROW, WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REMAINING ON THE TOP.

ALTHOUGH TEXAS EXECUTES MORE PEOPLE THAN ANY OTHER STATE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADS THE NATION IN DEATH SENTENCES, RESPONSIBLE FOR PURSUING 228 INDIVIDUALS ON DEATH ROW - AS OF 2013, MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF SECOND-PLACE HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

(\*) THE TEN COUNTIES ARE LOS ANGELES, RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNARDINO, ALAMEDA, ORANGE, CONTRA COSTA, SAN DIEGO, SACRAMENTO, TULARE, AND VENTURA COUNTIES.



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2 RATHER THAN THE SPECIFIC FACTORS RELEVANT TO  
3 THE CRIME, DETERMINE WHETHER A DEFENDANT LIVES  
4 OR DIES. UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DEATH PENALTY  
5 SYSTEM, SOME DEFENDANTS WILL BE LISTED AS  
6 AS CANDIDATES FOR THE DEATH PENALTY BY ONE  
7 PROSECUTOR, WHILE OTHERS WITH SIMILAR CHARGES  
8 IN A DIFFERENT COUNTY OR EVEN THE SAME COUNTY  
9 WILL NOT.

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11 **CONDEMNED CASE FILES**

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