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Ariz. Supreme Court won't lift stay of execution

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PHOENIX (AP) - The Arizona Supreme Court on Friday refused to lift a stay of execution for a man on death row while he challenges his murder conviction and the state's method of lethal injection.

The execution of Jeffrey Landrigan was postponed almost a year ago while the U.S. Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of lethal injection in Kentucky.

Kentucky's method has since been upheld, and prosecutors wanted a new execution date set for Landrigan.

However, defense lawyers are still challenging Arizona's method of lethal injection. They also want DNA tests on evidence from the crime scene.

Landrigan was sentenced to death for killing Phoenix resident Chester Dyer in 1989. The killing occurred a month after Landrigan escaped from an Oklahoma prison.

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