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## **Alabama Supreme Court orders new trial for death row inmate James Allen Harrison Jr.**

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The Alabama Supreme Court has given death row inmate James Allen Harrison Jr. a chance for a new trial for the 1998 slashing death of a Phenix City man.

The court says Harrison's case must go back to Russell County Circuit Court to decide if he should get a new trial because two jurors did not correctly answer questions during the jury selection process.

The 51-year-old Harrison was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death for the Jan. 13, 1998, death of 41-year-old Thomas "Fred" Day Jr. The prosecution argued Harrison was a crack cocaine addict and killed Day during a robbery.

In its ruling, the court said defendants have a right to have questions answered accurately by potential jurors.

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