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The Supreme Court of Florida has denied the latest effort of convicted killer Joshua D. Nelson to have his death sentence overturned.

This case involved the March 1995 murder of Cape Coral teenager Tommy Owens. State Attorney Stephen B. Russell prosecuted the original case and assisted in handling the post-conviction proceedings. Nelson was convicted of First Degree Murder and Robbery with a Deadly Weapon and sentenced to death following a trial in 1996.

“I am pleased the Supreme Court of Florida upheld the capital conviction in this case. This was a heinous murder. Justice delayed is justice denied and I am glad we are closer to justice being served for the murder of Tommy Owens.” Steve Russell

A copy of the Supreme Court’s decision is attached.

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