

# DEATH FOR LAMBERT

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Governor Werts, of New Jersey, has fixed December 19 as the date for the execution of Theodore Lambert, the Camden colored murderer. The Governor departed from the ancient tradition of fixing Friday as hangman's day, for the 19th will be Thursday. He signed the death warrant yesterday afternoon, at Trenton. This is the third time Governor Werts has affixed his signature to an order for Lambert's death.

The date first fixed for the execution was December 13, 1894, which was a little over a year from the time Lambert shot William G. Kalrer, the Camden cracker baker, while robbing his house in South Camden.

Through John L. Semple, his counsel, the Governor granted a reprieve until January 5, 1895. His counsel then contested the legality of the reprieve on constitutional grounds, and the case was taken to the Supreme Court. The United States Supreme Court decided that the reprieve was legal.

Governor Werts issued another death warrant, fixing June 27 last as the time for Lambert's execution. Another appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court, Lawyer Semple claiming the Governor had no authority to issue a second death warrant. The second appeal to the United States Supreme Court was decided on November 18, against the prisoner.

Lawyer Semple has appealed to the New Jersey Court of Pardons to reconsider Lambert's case, but there is not much likelihood of favorable action.

Lambert was playing checkers with William Thein, a white man, who is yet to be tried for the alleged murder of his former mistress, when he was informed yesterday afternoon of the Governor's action.

"I trust in my counsel, but I trust more in my God," he said. Lambert has professed religious conversion since he was condemned to die. He has grown stout and is a well-behaved prisoner.