

JAMISON, Matthew

18-year-old black man, electrocuted South Carolina State Prison on Dec. 3, 1948 (Lexington County). During the Summer of 1948, had raped a white nurse in Lexington County. He approached a car in which she was parked with another woman and two men, ordered them from car at gun point and tied her three companions with belts and ties, then raped her. He was arrested later in a robbery investigation and subsequently connected with the assault. She identified in court. One state of execution granted in October to prepare a plea for clemency based on his youth but the State Board of Pardons and Parole refused to recommend clemency and Gov. Thurmond declined to intervene. No appeal. Went to his death calmly but was in chair for six minutes, receiving one shock after another until pronounced dead. A nurse

friend of his victim who was witness, fainted while he
was seated in the chair.

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