

Two points of view on Abdur'Rahman

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With death row inmate Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman facing a June 18 execution in connection with a 1986 murder, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Friday stayed that execution pending a hearing by the full court.

To call the case complex is understatement, but two stories in today's *Tennessean* seek to shed light on some of the issues involved. Giving their viewpoints are Wendell Rawls Jr., Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and journalism professor at Middle Tennessee State University, and Nashville attorney David L. Raybin, who, when he was an assistant attorney general, helped write the state's death penalty statute.