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In the late hours of May 24, 1994, Michelle McGrath was last seen alive at Barbarella, a bar in Orlando, leaving just after 2:45 a.m. Her body was discovered the next morning in an alley, brutally beaten and showing clear signs of sexual assault. Gudinas, who was also at the bar that night, had friends who departed without him. Eyewitnesses reported seeing him in the area, later driving McGrath's car. His conviction in 1995 led to a death sentence, which has withstood legal challenges in both state and federal courts, including habeas corpus petitions that were ultimately denied.

The Growing Count of Executions in 2025

This execution will mark Gudinas as the seventh individual put to death in Florida this year, a sharp increase compared to just one execution in 2024 and six in 2023. As noted by Florida Today, the pace of executions in Florida is noteworthy, raising questions about the state's approach to capital punishment. For context, Florida has a notorious history with the death penalty, which was reinstated in 1976 and has seen a total of 110 executions since then. The state recorded its highest number of executions in a single year eight back in 1984 and 2014.

While Gudinas's execution is pressing, it's part of a broader discussion on Florida's capital punishment. Executions in Florida were historically conducted by counties until 1923, when the control was shifted, switching to the method from hanging to the electric chair. The state has faced criticism and legal challenges regarding its execution processes, from the way juries are placed on death penalty cases to the constitutionality of its sentencing procedures.

Searching for Closure

The impending execution shines a light not just on Gudinas but on the devastating impacts of crime. McGrath's sister has publicly stated that the execution may finally provide closure for her and her family, allowing them to move forward without the

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