



# Marco Parilla sentenced to life in prison for killing police officer

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6:38 p.m. The jury vote in the sentencing of Marco Parilla was, in fact, 10 - 2 in favor death. Due to Florida law, which states that a death sentence must be unanimous, Parilla's sentence is now life in prison.

6:24 p.m. The jury in the Marco Parilla trial sentenced Parilla to death for the 2014 shooting death of Tarpon Springs Police Officer Charles Kondek.

The man who pleaded guilty to killing a Tarpon Springs police officer in 2014 took the stand in his sentencing trial Thursday and apologized to the officer's family.

- Sentencing phase continues in Marco Parilla trial
- He pleaded guilty in October in slaying of Officer Charles Kondek
- Parilla said to Kondek's father 'I'm sorry for taking your son away'
- PREVIOUS: Cop killer's mother takes stand in Marco Parilla sentencing

With his body visibly shaking, 27-year-old Marco Parilla addressed Charles Kondek's wife and children, his father, and other police officers in the department.

"I'm sorry for taking your son away," Parilla said when asked what he would like to say to the father. "I never meant to. I'm sorry from the bottom of my heart. And I know it wasn't supposed to be this way. I wish I could take it back. Every second of my life I wish I could take it back."

It was just a few days before Christmas in 2014 when Kondek was checking out a noise complaint at a Tarpon Springs apartment complex

Parilla shot and killed him. He pleaded guilty last fall and could get the death penalty.

"I'm sorry for taking away your son...I wish I could take it back" -Cop killer Marco Parilla on the stand  
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— Cait McVey (@CaitMcVey) March 22, 2018

The defense would like the jury to believe Parilla has been sorry ever since. His attorneys showed a video in court Thursday of Parilla talking to reporters shortly after his arrest.

"I apologize to the family," he said in the video. "That was not my intention."

But during cross examination, the state leaned into Parilla and eventually got him to admit he is willing to say anything if it means staying off of death row.

"You're not going to tell them to kill you. You're going to tell them whatever you've got to tell them to make a recommendation of life as opposed to death, aren't you," a member of the prosecution said. The state is expected to call another witness Friday, and then both sides will give closing arguments.

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