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³⁷³ New death sentences in Texas have dropped nearly 80% since the late 1990s. Death sentences peaked in 1999, when juries sent 48 people to death row. In 2015, Texas juries sentenced only three defendants to death, the lowest number since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Texas' revised death penalty statute in 1976. Just two of those three death sentences became final in 2015. The third death sentence, that of Mark Anthony Gonzalez, involved a competency challenge that was not resolved