

AG asks court to overrule governor on death penalty

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Attorney General Russell Coleman has asked the Franklin Circuit Court to overrule Gov. Andy Beshear and declare that nothing prevents the governor from signing a death warrant for Ralph Baze, who was convicted of killing two Powell County law enforcement officers more than 30 years ago.

In a motion filed Friday, Coleman argued that a 15-year-old court order blocking executions in Kentucky does not apply to Baze and that Beshear's interpretation of the law continues to deny justice to the families of Sheriff Steve Bennett and Deputy Sheriff Arthur Briscoe, according to a news release from the Attorney General's Office. Coleman first requested in

June that Beshear sign a death warrant for Baze, saying there was no legal reason to delay the execution. He also included a letter to the governor from Lisa Briscoe Lally, the sister of Deputy Briscoe and sister-in-law to Sheriff Bennett, asking for justice after more than three decades, the release said.

After Beshear declined, citing a 2010 Franklin Circuit Court order he said prohibits signing a death warrant, Coleman reiterated his position in another letter. "You are able – and obligated under Section 81 of the Kentucky Constitution – to proceed and uphold the law immediately," Coleman wrote.

"Respectfully, the Governor is wrong," Coleman said in his filing. "But because he has rejected the Attorney

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