

Suspect in Crucifixion of AZ Pastor Asks for Death Penalty to Prove He's 'God's Son'

The suspect in the crucifixion-style murder of a beloved Arizona pastor is asking the court to put him to death.

As CBN News reported last year, 76-year-old Pastor William "Bill" Schonemann was found dead in his New River, AZ home in late April in a scene that was described as unsettling after the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call.

The suspect, Adam Sheafe, has confessed in court to killing Pastor Schonemann, entering a "no contest" plea and asking for the death penalty to be given to him.

Sheafe is accused of killing and mutilating the elderly pastor, placing a crown of thorns on his head after positioning his body with his arms outstretched, similar to a crucifixion.



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In court, the accused said, "It's an undisputable fact that the victim, Pastor Bill Schonemann, was over 70 years old. It's an undisputable fact that the crime was heinous in nature. I intended it to be heinous. ... That's why I'm saying, why do we have to drag this on and on and on? Why can't we just go to sentencing? I'm not contesting anything."

Sheafe said last week he wants to speed up the process to put an end to the whole case. But he told AZ Family in a jailhouse interview, "If my father puts me in an authoritative position on this earth, I will execute every single priest and burn every church to the ground... I want the death penalty because I

want to show that you can't kill God's son."

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