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A condemned killer of two awaited word Monday on his final appeals ahead of his scheduled execution later this week.

Death row prisoner Gary Otte was sentenced to die for the Feb. 12, 1992, killing of Robert Wasikowski and the Feb. 13, 1992, killing of Sharon Kostura. Both slayings took place in Parma, in suburban Cleveland.

The state plans to execute Otte, 45, with a combination of three drugs.

A Cuyahoga County appeals court heard arguments Monday that Otte should be allowed to challenge his execution as unconstitutional because of his age at the time of the crime.

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