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An attorney for Gary Otte, a man put to death Wednesday for killing two people in Parma in 1992, said she saw signs that her client experienced pain as the execution team injected him with a sedative, the first of three-drug combination.

Carol Wright, the supervising attorney for the Columbus Federal Public Defenders Offices capital unit, watched Ottes execution from the viewing area of the states death house. The execution was carried out Wednesday morning at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, and Otte was pronounced dead at 10:54 a.m.

Wright said Ottes movements and actions as he received midazolam, a sedative, indicated to her that Otte felt pain or sensations as he was about to die.

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