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Solitary Watch's James Ridgeway was interviewed yesterday on WBUR radio's Here and Now program on the release of Jamie and Gladys Scott. You can listen to the interview here: <http://www.hereandnow.org/2010/12/30/mississippi-sister-robbery>.

Our original story on the Scott sisters, one of the first to appear, can be found here: <https://solitarywatch.org/about/for-jamie-scott-an-11-robbery-in-mississippi-may-carry-a-death-sentence/>. Our thoughts on the reasons why Haley Barbour might consider pardoning the sisters appears in this follow-up story: <https://solitarywatch.org/2010/09/22/a-chance-at-freedom-for-the-scott-sisters/>.

The release is [controversial](#) because of the provision that Gladys donate a kidney to her sister Jamie as a condition of release. None of this, however, has dampened the joy of their mother, Evelyn Rasco, whose posts can be found on this Facebook page: [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_174775012538129&id=188210824527881&bcode=i24xm](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_174775012538129&id=188210824527881&bcode=i24xm).



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I hope that there is an inquiry into each state as to those transplant teams who might be denying offenders/ex-offenders and the poor from having transplants because of the cost.

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