

(2) THE COURT SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS DECISION A REFERENCE TO THE SIMILAR CASES WHICH IT CONSIDERED.

(G) THE COURT MAY ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED REVIEW OF ALL DEATH SENTENCES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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[(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), in] IN any indictment for murder or manslaughter, or for being an accessory thereto, it shall not be necessary to set forth the manner or means of death. It shall be sufficient to use a formula substantially to the following effect: "That A.B., on the day of nineteen hundred and, at the county aforesaid, feloniously (wilfully and of deliberately premeditated malice aforethought) did kill (and murder) C.D. against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

[(b) In any indictment for murder in which the State seeks the imposition of the death penalty, the indictment shall set forth a concise and definite statement of the offense. This portion of the indictment shall be a separate charge and may not be a part of any other count or charge. It is sufficient to use a form substantially as follows:

"That A.B. on the day of nineteen hundred and at the county aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and of deliberately premeditated malice aforethought, did murder C.D. against the peace, government and dignity of the State; that he is the person who actually committed an act which proximately caused the victim's death; that at the time of the commission of the act, he was 18 years of age or older; and that the murder was committed under the following circumstances:

(Strike if not applicable)

(1) At the time of the murder, the defendant was confined or under sentence of confinement to a correctional institution in this State;

(2) The victim was a law-enforcement officer as defined in Article 27, § 727, who was murdered while in the performance of his duties or the defendant committed the murder in furtherance of an attempt to escape from or evade the lawful custody or detention of or by a correctional officer or guard.

(3) The victim was a hostage taken or attempted to be taken in the course of a kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap;

(4) The victim was a child abducted in violation of § 2 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland;