Judged for More Than Her Crime

A Global Overview of Women Facing the Death Penalty
The Alice Project

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Common offenses for which women are sentenced to death:

- Murder
- Non-violent drug crimes
- Offenses against sexual morality
- Blasphemy, apostasy
- Armed robbery
- Kidnapping
- Witchcraft

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