

Existing law defines first degree murder as the killing of a human being when certain circumstances exist or when the specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm is directly related to the victim's status.

Existing law provides that persons convicted of first degree murder shall be punished by death or life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

New law adds "correctional facility employee" to the existing law list of specific victims of the crime of first degree murder.

New law defines "correctional facility employee" as any employee of any jail, prison, or correctional facility that is not a "peace officer" as defined by existing law.

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(Adds R.S. 14:30(A)(12) and (B)(4))