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Did you know...?

- In 2004, Harris declined to pursue the death penalty for a man who murdered a police officer.
- In 2009, Harris declined to pursue the death penalty for an MS-13 gang member who was in the country illegally, murdered a father and his two sons while they were leaving a family picnic.
- During her first two years as district attorney, Harris cut numerous "fire-sale" deals with murderers, allowing them to plead down to manslaughter.
- Harris' unwillingness to crack down on murder suspects led police to go directly to a judge, rather than her to make arrests. Harris would release half of those arrested.
- In 2006, Harris declined to seek the death penalty for a woman who murdered her three sons who were aged 6, 2 and 16 months, after they were thrown into the San Francisco Bay.



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Executive Summary

Kamala Harris' record "[reveals a political chameleon rather than a tough-on-crime top cop](#)" who has raised money to [bail](#) violent criminals out of jail. As San Francisco District Attorney, she declined repeatedly to pursue the death penalty for extremely violent crimes, including for a man who [murdered](#) a police officer and a gang member in the country illegally, who [killed](#) a father and his two sons. Harris' go-soft approach to murderous criminals saw her making "[fire-sale](#)" deals with them, as well as forcing officers to go behind her back in order to arrest murderers, who she then [released](#). As the [Fraternal Order of Police](#) has said, a Harris presidency "will be an unmitigated disaster for public safety" in America.

1. [In 2004, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For A Man Who Murdered A Police Officer](#)
2. [In 2009, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For An MS-13 Gang Member Who Was In The Country Illegally, Murdered A Father And His Two Sons While They Were Leaving A Family Picnic](#)
3. [During Her First Two Years As District Attorney, Harris Cut Numerous "Fire-Sale" Deals With Murderers, Allowing Them To Plead Down To Manslaughter](#)
4. [Harris' Unwillingness To Crack Down On Murder Suspects Led Police To Go Directly To A Judge, Rather Than Her To Make Arrests. Harris Would Release Half Of Those Arrested](#)
5. [In 2006, Harris Declined To Seek The Death Penalty For A Woman Who Murdered Her Three Sons Who Were Aged 6, 2 And 16 Months, After They Were Thrown Into The San Francisco Bay](#)
6. [In 2007, Two Men With Lengthy Criminal Records That Harris Had Previously Released Were Arrested For Separate Slayings, Including A Gang-Style Execution](#)
7. [As District Attorney Of San Francisco, Harris Feigned Ignorance After Federal Authorities Charged The City Of Not Carrying Out Border Enforcement After It Accepted Millions In Taxpayer Dollars](#)

In 2004, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For A Man Who Murdered A Police Officer

- In 2004, as District Attorney of San Francisco, Harris [declined](#) to pursue the death penalty for a man who shot and killed a police officer. Shortly after Harris became San Francisco's district attorney in 2004, police officer Isaac Espinoza was murdered by a gang member using an assault rifle, and Harris chose to stick to a campaign pledge and not pursue the death penalty for the killer.
- In 2004, the *San Francisco Gate* [noted](#) that it was "extremely rare – and possibly unprecedented – for a district attorney to decide against pursuing that [death] penalty for killing a cop."
- Then-Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) [called](#) for the death penalty in the case, earning applause from police officers.
- Many San Francisco cops hated Harris from then on, and her longtime staffer, Tom Silard [noted](#) that when cops spotted Harris in San Francisco pride parades, "year after year, as the car drove down the parade route they'd turn their backs to her."

In 2009, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For An MS-13 Gang Member Who Was In The Country Illegally, Murdered A Father And His Two Sons While They Were Leaving A Family Picnic

- In 2009, then-San Francisco District Attorney Harris [announced](#) she would not seek the death penalty, instead seeking life imprisonment for Edwin Ramos, an illegal alien and MS-13 gang member. Ramos murdered a father and his two sons, along with critically injuring a third, who leaving a family picnic.
- Then man's widow was "[outraged](#)" by Harris' decision not to seek the death penalty.
- Ramos had been previously [arrested](#) for two gang-related offenses and should have been handed over to federal authorities and deported before the murders even occurred.

In Her First Two Years As District Attorney, Harris Cut Numerous "Fire-Sale" Deals With Murderers, Allowing Them To Plead Down To Manslaughter

- In the first two years as District Attorney, police was [critical](#) of how Harris handled homicide cases. Upon taking office, she began consulting with defense attorneys of murder defendants to discuss deals. In 32 of 73 homicide cases, Harris "cut deals for manslaughter or took pleas to other crimes such as assault or burglary."
- Police [called](#) her dealmaking with murder defendants "fire-sale deals." And the then-head of police – homicide detail, said "these were good cases when they were filed."
- In one particular instance, Harris cut a [deal](#) with David Taylor, a man who confessed to brutally killing his mother by hitting her with a hammer and repeatedly stabbing her with scissors, locking her body in her home and then fled the state. Harris agreed to plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter.
- In those first two years she was in office, homicide investigators had to [go around](#) Harris' back and request a judge to issue a Ramey warrant to arrest murder suspects, instead of the usual method of forwarding cases to prosecutors for a charging decision. Of those arrested, Harris had released about half the murder suspects arrested by police in that method.

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- In 2006, Harris [declined](#) to [seek](#) the death penalty after a 23-year-old Oakland woman murdered her three sons by throwing them into the bay from a San Francisco pier. The boys were aged 6, 2 and 16 months.

In 2007, Two Men With Lengthy Criminal Records That Harris Had Previously Released Were Arrested For Separate Slayings, Including A Gang-Style Execution

- In April 2007, [two men](#), with lengthy criminal records and gun possession arrests, were arrested for two separate killings.
- Jason Santillan, who was connected to a [gang-style execution](#) of a 16-year-old boy had been out on reduced bail after he was arrested in May 2006 for felony gun possession.
- The other man, Walter Simon, [killed](#) an innocent bystander. He had been arrested in July 2006 on a gun-possession charge but was released after Harris declined to prosecute.

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- In 2007, federal authorities said San Francisco “was not entitled to any of the more than \$5 million it got over three years under the [Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative](#).” In 2006 alone, the city received \$3.7 million from the program, “the largest share of any jurisdiction in the country.” However, the city “admitted that officials could not prove that any of the funding was justified.”
- Harris claimed that “[she did not know](#)” that federal auditors had concluded the city had no proof it deserved the money.
- Instead of seeking reimbursement for each individual case, San Francisco [exploited](#) a provision in the program to receive federal funding for 30 percent of all its drug prosecutions, “on the theory that drug trafficking is a large part of border-related crime.”
- The U.S. Attorney had to send multiple letters “[threatening civil action](#)” before the city paid \$2.7 million of the disputed sum.