

fect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

(Added Pub. L. 92-539, title I, §101, Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1071; amended Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60009(b)(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1972.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “1116, or 1119” for “or 1116”.

§ 1118. Murder by a Federal prisoner

(a) OFFENSE.—A person who, while confined in a Federal correctional institution under a sentence for a term of life imprisonment, commits the murder of another shall be punished by death or by life imprisonment.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“Federal correctional institution” means any Federal prison, Federal correctional facility, Federal community program center, or Federal halfway house.

“murder” means a first degree or second degree murder (as defined in section 1111).

“term of life imprisonment” means a sentence for the term of natural life, a sentence commuted to natural life, an indeterminate term of a minimum of at least fifteen years and a maximum of life, or an unexecuted sentence of death.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60005(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1970.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Another section 1118 was renumbered section 1122 of this title.

§ 1119. Foreign murder of United States nationals

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, “national of the United States” has the meaning stated in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).

(b) OFFENSE.—A person who, being a national of the United States, kills or attempts to kill a national of the United States while such national is outside the United States but within the jurisdiction of another country shall be punished as provided under sections 1111, 1112, and 1113.

(c) LIMITATIONS ON PROSECUTION.—(1) No prosecution may be instituted against any person under this section except upon the written approval of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, or an Assistant Attorney General, which function of approving prosecutions may not be delegated. No prosecution shall be approved if prosecution has been previously undertaken by a foreign country for the same conduct.

(2) No prosecution shall be approved under this section unless the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that the conduct took place in a country in which the person is no longer present, and the country lacks the ability to lawfully secure the person’s return. A determination by the Attor-

ney General under this paragraph is not subject to judicial review.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60009(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1972.)

§ 1120. Murder by escaped prisoners

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, “Federal correctional institution” and “term of life imprisonment” have the meanings stated in section 1118.

(b) OFFENSE AND PENALTY.—A person, having escaped from a Federal correctional institution where the person was confined under a sentence for a term of life imprisonment, kills another shall be punished as provided in sections 1111 and 1112.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60012(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1973; amended Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, §601(c)(2), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3499.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 104-294 substituted “Federal correctional institution” for “Federal prison”.

§ 1121. Killing persons aiding Federal investigations or State correctional officers

(a) Whoever intentionally kills—

(1) a State or local official, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee while working with Federal law enforcement officials in furtherance of a Federal criminal investigation—

(A) while the victim is engaged in the performance of official duties;

(B) because of the performance of the victim’s official duties; or

(C) because of the victim’s status as a public servant; or

(2) any person assisting a Federal criminal investigation, while that assistance is being rendered and because of it,

shall be sentenced according to the terms of section 1111, including by sentence of death or by imprisonment for life.

(b)(1) Whoever, in a circumstance described in paragraph (3) of this subsection, while incarcerated, intentionally kills any State correctional officer engaged in, or on account of the performance of such officer’s official duties, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment which shall not be less than 20 years, and may be sentenced to life imprisonment or death.

(2) As used in this section, the term, “State correctional officer” includes any officer or employee of any prison, jail, or other detention facility, operated by, or under contract to, either a State or local governmental agency, whose job responsibilities include providing for the custody of incarcerated individuals.

(3) The circumstance referred to in paragraph (1) is that—

(A) the correctional officer is engaged in transporting the incarcerated person interstate; or

(B) the incarcerated person is incarcerated pursuant to a conviction for an offense against the United States.