

Brazil: Mother of Man Condemned for Killing US Nun Says Son Is Fall Guy

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A court in the state of Pará, in northern Brazil, has found two of the accused killers of the American nun, Dorothy Stang, guilty. Clodoaldo Batista was sentenced to 17 years in jail and Rayfran das Neves was sentenced to 28 years in jail.

Stang was an environmental activist involved in the fight for land rights in the Amazon River basin. She was killed in February of this year.

Supporters of Stang, including two of her brothers, said they were satisfied with the court's decision.

The mother of Rayfran das Neves, who confessed that he participated in the crime, said that her son did not tell the whole story and that he was taking blame for someone else and being used as a scapegoat.

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