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Killer Faints In Electric Chair

EDDYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Chester Merrifield, a tough outlaw in a life devoted to crime, fainted in the electric chair and was put to death early today without regaining consciousness.

He died for killing Louisville Policeman Alvin Keown.

The 37-year-old Louisville gunman, crippled in a gun fight with Keown in a night club parking lot in 1953, hobbled to the execution chamber on crutches.

Warden M. W. Thomas said Merrifield fainted as he was being buckled into the chair.

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