



Owen Butner was executed at the Nevada State Prison on February 10, 1951. He was convicted in the murder of his ex-wife Mildred Butner on December 30, 1947 in Reno. Owen and Mildred Butner were married in 1933, divorced, remarried, and divorced a second time in September 1947. When Owen pleaded with his ex-wife for another reconcilement, he was rebuffed. On the night of the murder Owen Butner was outside his ex-wife's house when she drove up with another man; when Mildred exited the car he shot her three times. Butner told authorities, "God, that's too bad, but I had to do it. She was an awfully nice woman. I suppose I will have to take the gas, but I had to do it." Owen Butner was a policeman with the Reno Police Department from 1941 to August 15, 1947. The native of Gardnerville, Nevada, was thirty-nine at the time of his death.