



# MOST WANTED TERRORIST

## JOANNE DEBORAH CHESIMARD

**Act of Terrorism - Domestic Terrorism; Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement - Murder**



### DESCRIPTION

**Aliases:** Assata Shakur, Joanne Byron, Barbara Odoms, Joanne Chesterman, Joan Davis, Justine Henderson, Mary Davis, Pat Chesimard, Jo-Ann Chesimard, Joanne Debra Chesimard, Joanne D. Byron, Joanne D. Chesimard, Joanne Davis, Chesimard Joanne, Ches Chesimard, Sister-Love Chesimard, Joann Debra Byron Chesimard, Joanne Deborah Byron Chesimard, Joan Chesimard, Josephine Henderson, Carolyn Johnson, Carol Brown, "Ches"

**Date(s) of Birth Used:** July 16, 1947, August 19, 1952

**Place of Birth:** New York City, New York

**Hair:** Black/Gray

**Eyes:** Brown

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 135 to 150 pounds

**Sex:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Citizenship:** American

**Scars and Marks:** Chesimard has scars on her chest, abdomen, left shoulder, and left knee.

### REWARD

**The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$1,000,000 for information directly leading to the apprehension of Joanne Chesimard.**

### REMARKS

Chesimard may wear her hair in a variety of styles and dress in African tribal clothing.

### CAUTION

Joanne Chesimard is wanted for escaping from prison in Clinton, New Jersey, while serving a life sentence for murder. On May 2, 1973, Chesimard, who was part of a revolutionary extremist organization known as the Black Liberation Army, and two accomplices were stopped for a motor vehicle violation on the New Jersey Turnpike by two troopers with the New Jersey State Police. At the time, Chesimard was wanted for her involvement in several felonies, including bank robbery. Chesimard and her accomplices opened fire on the troopers. One trooper was wounded and the other was shot and killed execution-style at point-blank range. Chesimard fled the scene, but was subsequently apprehended. One of her accomplices was killed in the shoot-out and the other was also apprehended and remains in jail.

In 1977, Chesimard was found guilty of first degree murder, assault and battery of a police officer, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault with intent to kill, illegal possession of a weapon, and armed robbery. She was sentenced to life in prison. On November 2, 1979, Chesimard escaped from prison and lived underground before being located in Cuba in 1984. She is thought to currently still be living in Cuba.

**SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

If you have any information concerning this person, please call the FBI Toll-Free tip line at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). You may also contact your local FBI office , or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

**Field Office:** Newark