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Three New York City firefighters raise an American flag at Ground Zero, site of the World Trade Center, on Sept. 11, 2001.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, a series of terror attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania carved scars across our nation that continue to heal. To mark the anniversary, we pause to reflect on the tragedy of that day and the triumphs that rose from the ashes.

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Six Flags just bought this world-class roller coaster

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Six Flags Entertainment Corp., parent company of Carowinds, just bought a popular Atlanta-area roller coaster with plans to add it to a Six Flags park. But it's unclear where Carowinds ranks on the list of potential homes.

ArieForce One opened at Fun Spot America Atlanta in 2023. That theme park closed last month, leaving the future of the 154-foot steel coaster in doubt. Six Flags announced plans Tuesday to rebrand and open the coaster at one of its parks in 2028 or 2029.

Six Flags owns 20 amusement parks, 14 water parks and nine resorts across North America, plus an amusement park in Saudi Arabia.

Six Flags Over Georgia is the closest



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The ArieForce One will open at a Six Flags park during the 2028-2029 operating season.

park to ArieForce One's former home. Apart from Six Flags White Water, a water park in Georgia, the next nearest property is Carowinds. Carowinds is a more than 400-acre park on the South Carolina and North Carolina line. One half is in Fort Mill, and the other in Charlotte.

Six Flags also is headquartered in Charlotte, but only temporarily. The company will move its headquarters to Texas next year, the company an-

nounced this summer.

WHICH PARKS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ARIEFORCE ONE?

Six Flags declined to name which parks are under consideration for the ride or how they compare to one another, but told The Herald multiple parks are under consideration. The

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He's on death row for murder. Now he's suing over medication

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Last year, The Herald exclusively reported that South Carolina death row inmate James Robertson wrote a letter to a judge saying he wanted to drop his appeals and be executed for murdering his parents 29 years ago in Rock Hill.



James Robertson

Then this summer Robertson, known as Jimmy, penned another letter stating if he got the medications he used to be on, he wanted to withdraw that decision to die in the electric chair, by firing squad, or by lethal injection.

There were secret closed hearings and filings in federal court in Charleston about his mental health that were not open to the public under a judge's order.

Now Robertson has filed a lawsuit against three top officials at the S.C. Department of Corrections, claiming that not giving him those drugs and providing him with a stable mental health counselor is "cruel and unusual punishment." Robertson wants a federal judge to order that he get adequate mental health treatment for his "psychiatric illness," including counselors and the drugs he once took.

The federal lawsuit filed in South Carolina U.S. District Court names as defendants the state's prisons director Joel Anderson, Lydell Chestnut, the director of the Broad River prison in Columbia that houses death row, and the prison system's chief of psychiatry Andrew Hedgepath.

WHAT THE FEDERAL LAWSUIT CLAIMS

Robertson claims in the suit that his Constitutional rights have been violated. The lawsuit claims the defendants "have engaged in acts or omissions that reflect a deliberate indifference to Robertson's critical medical condition by denying Robertson timely and appropriate treatment for known and well-documented significant psychiatric illness. As a result, Robertson suffers from deteriorating mental health that has caused him to take actions which harm his material interests and threaten to cause Robertson to suffer permanent injury."

The lawsuit demands a federal judge restore Robertson's "continued and regular access to mental health counselors with whom he can form long-term relationships," and two treatment drugs he had been on before the prison system changed what drugs were available to inmates.

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