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USA: (Virginia)

Charles STAMPER

Charles Stamper was executed as scheduled by the state of Virginia, USA, on 19 January 1993.

Stamper, who was black, and partially and irreversibly paralysed as a result of being involved in a fight with another death row prisoner in 1988, was carried to the death chamber by two prison warders. According to reports, Stamper wrote in a last statement before his death that the means of his end "bruised and demeaned humanity".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- expressing regret at the execution of Charles Stamper;
- noting the way in which Charles Stamper's execution was carried out, which demonstrates the extreme cruelty of the death penalty and shows it to be a brutalizing process for all those involved;
- urging Governor Wilder to grant clemency to any prisoner whose case may come before him in the future by commuting their death sentence.

APPEALS TO

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