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Further information on EXTRA 8/02 (AMR 51/013/2002, 21 January 2002) - Death penalty

USA (Texas)Windell Broussard (m), black, aged 41

Windell Broussard was executed in Texas by lethal injection on 30 January. He had been sentenced to death in 1993 for the murder of his ex-wife, Dianna Fay Harris Broussard, and her 10-year-old son, Corey Harris.

Windell Broussard has consistently maintained his innocence of the crime; in his final statement, he said: "I just want to let everyone know that this here is a tragedy. What happened to Diana, Corey, and what is happening to me - it is a tragedy."

Two more men have been executed in the USA since Windell Broussard was put to death, bringing to nine the number of executions in the country this year. Since the USA resumed executions in 1977, 758 men and women have been put to death. Two hundred and sixty of these executions have been carried out in Texas.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.