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**Further Information on UA 86/07( AMR 51//073/2007, 13 April 2007) – Death penalty / Legal concern  
USA (Texas) Ryan Heath Dickson (m), white, aged 30**

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Ryan Dickson was executed in Texas on 26 April. He was sentenced to death for the murder of Carmelo Surace in 1994, committed two weeks after Dickson's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In his final statement before being put to death, Ryan Dickson expressed remorse, saying "I am sorry for what I did, and I take responsibility for what I did".

Texas accounts for all but two of the 15 executions carried out in the USA so far this year, and 392 of the 1,072 executions conducted in the United States since judicial killing resumed there in 1977.

Ryan Dickson becomes the 153<sup>rd</sup> prisoner to be put to death in Texas since Governor Rick Perry took office in 2001. This is one more than the total carried out during the five-year term of his predecessor, George W. Bush.

**No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**