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**Further information on UA 225/04 (AMR 51/116/2004, 16 July 2004) - Death penalty**

**USA (Alabama)**

**James Barney Hubbard (m), white, aged 74**

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James Hubbard was executed in Alabama on 5 August. He had been sentenced to death in 1977 for the murder of Lillian Montgomery.

James Hubbard was 74 years old at the time of his execution. He had been on death row for more than a quarter of a century, and was reported to suffer from dementia which sometimes led him to forget who he was and why he was on death row.

In a statement announcing his decision to deny clemency, Governor Bob Riley said: "Mr. Hubbard committed a heinous and violent crime when he took the life of an innocent person almost 28 years ago. Justice has not been swift in this case, but justice must be delivered. While so much attention is focused on Mr. Hubbard, we should also remember his victim and the loved ones who grieved when she was murdered by Mr. Hubbard."

James Hubbard becomes the 37<sup>th</sup> person to be put to death in the USA this year and the 922<sup>nd</sup> since executions resumed in 1977. Alabama accounts for 29 of these executions.

**No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**