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Further information on EXTRA 87/00 (AMR 51/179/00, 21 November 2000)- Death penalty

USA (3 states)Garry Dean Miller, white, aged 33
Daniel Joe Hittle, white, aged 50
Claude Howard Jones, white, aged 60
Christopher Goins, black, aged 25
Edward Castro, Hispanic, aged 50
Robert Dewey Glock, white, aged 39

Garry Miller, Daniel Hittle and Claude Jones were executed in Texas on 5, 6 and 7 December respectively. Christopher Goins was executed in Virginia on 6 December. Edward Castro was executed in Florida on 7 December.

On 7 December the Florida State Supreme Court stayed the execution of Robert Glock until 10 January 2001, in order to give the court more time to consider a last-minute appeal filed by Glock's lawyers. He had been scheduled to be put to death on 8 December. The reprieve was ordered a few minutes before the court began hearing arguments in the disputed presidential election.

Texas has now carried out 40 executions this year, the highest number of executions by any state in any year since the USA resumed executions in 1977. The three executions were the 150th, 151st and 152nd carried out under the governorship of George W. Bush Jr, who is currently waiting to discover if he will be the next US President.

Edward Castro was the sixth inmate to be put to death in Florida this year, the highest total in that state since 1984. Florida has carried out 50 executions since resumption, the third highest number after Texas and Virginia.

The execution of Christopher Goins was the 81st in Virginia since 1977.

There have been a total of 84 executions in the USA this year, bringing the number of prisoners executed across the country since 1977 to a total of 682.

No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. If anyone receives a response from the former US Presidents targeted in this action, please forward them to USA team at the International Secretariat.