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**Further information on EXTRA 19/03 (AMR 51/049/2003, 27 March 2003) and follow-up (AMR 51/055/2003, 4 April 2003) - Death penalty / Legal concern**

**USA (Ohio)**

**Lewis Williams (m), black, aged 44**

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Lewis Williams, who was scheduled to be executed on 24 June 2003, has received an indefinite stay of execution. He was sentenced to death for the murder of an elderly white woman, Leoma Chmielewski, in 1983.

The Missouri Supreme Court issued the stay of execution on 20 June without comment. It did not set another execution date. Proceedings are continuing into the question of whether Lewis Williams has mental retardation. In June 2002, the US Supreme Court ruled that the execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

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