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Further information on EXTRA 53/03 (AMR 51/146/2003, 04 December 2003) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Texas) Bobby Lee Hines (m), white, aged 31

Bobby Hines, scheduled for execution in Texas on 11 December 2003, has received a stay of execution. On 9 December, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals remanded his case back to the trial-level court. His lawyers had appealed on the ground of evidence that Bobby Hines has mental retardation and that his execution would violate last year's US Supreme Court decision, *Atkins v Virginia*, which held that the execution of people with mental retardation was unconstitutional.

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