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Further information on UA 355/00 (AMR 51/177/00, 17 November 2000) and follow-up (AMR 51/04/01, 8 January 2001) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Oklahoma)Wanda Jean Allen (f), black, aged 41

Wanda Jean Allen was executed on the evening of 11 January 2001 for the 1988 killing of her lover, Gloria Leathers.

After the federal courts rejected all final appeals that Wanda Jean Allen had been denied a fair clemency hearing (see previous update), Governor Frank Keating decided against issuing a reprieve to have the clemency board reconsider the case.

Wanda Jean Allen becomes the first woman to be executed in Oklahoma since it became a state in 1907, and the first African American woman to be put to death in the USA since 1954.

She was the fourth person executed in the USA this year and the 687th since executions resumed in 1977.

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