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USA (Texas): Mario MÁRQUEZ

Amnesty International has learned with deep regret that Mario Márquez was executed as scheduled on 17 January 1995.

According to press reports of the execution, in his final statement, Mario Márquez said, "I do want to say that I am not responsible for all that has happened in my life...I am truly sorry and I am paying with my life tonight for taking those two lives."

Please note the following corrected information: Mario Márquez was sentenced to death for the murder of his niece, Rachel Gutiérrez. His estranged wife was also murdered in the same incident, but he was never brought to trial for this crime.

Letters expressing regret at the execution may be sent to:

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
Executive Clemency Unit
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Pardons and Paroles Division
PO Box 13401
Austin, TX 78711
USA

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Telegrams: Pardons/Paroles Board, Austin, Texas

Salutation: Dear Board Members

Copies of letters should be sent to the new state governor:

The Honourable George W. Bush
Governor of Texas
Office of the Governor

PO Box 12428, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
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Salutation: Dear Governor

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Mario Márquez.