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USA (GEORGIA)

Larry Lonchar

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Larry Lonchar, who was scheduled to be executed on 23 June, was granted a stay of execution one hour before his execution was due to be carried out. Lonchar has stated that he wants to donate his organs after his death. The stay has been granted in response to an appeal filed by Lonchar's attorneys which claims that his organs would be unusable if he is electrocuted. Electrocution is the sole method of execution in Georgia. Lonchar has reportedly said that he would drop his petition for a stay if the Georgia death penalty law is changed to allow another form of execution that would permit organ donation. A ruling on this question is expected on 27 June 1995.

No further action is required at this time. Thank you to everyone who sent appeals on Larry Lonchar's behalf.