

EXTERNAL

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Further information (3) on EXTRA 68/95 (AMR 51/78/95, 8 June 1995) and follow-ups AMR 51/83/95, 19 June 1995 and AMR 51/118/95, 4 September 1995) - Death Penalty

USA (Florida) Joseph SPAZIANO

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Joseph Spaziano, who was scheduled to be executed in Florida on 21 September, has received a stay of execution. The Florida Supreme Court ordered an evidentiary hearing on the question of Spaziano's innocence to take place before his execution. However, the attorney representing Spaziano was forced to step down from the case due to the withdrawal of federal funding for the death penalty law centre which employed him. The hearing has now been rescheduled for mid-November to allow time for a new attorney to represent Spaziano to be found.

No further action is requested at present. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.