

URGENT ACTION

FLORIDA CARRIES OUT ANOTHER EXECUTION

Paul Howell was executed in Florida on 26 February. He had been on death row for 19 years for the murder of a police officer in 1992.

On 26 February, the US Supreme Court refused to consider lower court rulings on the claim that **Paul Howell** had been denied adequate legal representation at trial and during his initial appeals. His challenge to Florida's current three-drug lethal injection protocol also failed.

In his final statement, Paul Howell apologised to the family of James Fulford, the Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was killed in February 1992 when a bomb constructed by Paul Howell exploded after the officer stopped the car in which it was being transported.

There have so far been 10 executions in the USA in 2014, three of them in Florida. Florida now accounts for 84 of the 1,369 executions conducted in the USA since 1976 when the US Supreme Court approved revised capital statutes, including Florida's. Florida lies fourth behind Texas, Oklahoma and Virginia in the number of executions carried out in the USA during this period.

No further action is required from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 20/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR51/008/2014/en>

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