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Further information on UA 148/08 (AMR 51/050/2008) – Death penalty

USA (South Carolina)

David Mark Hill (m), white, aged 47

David Hill was executed in South Carolina in the evening of 6 June. He had been sentenced to death in 2000 for the murder of three social workers in an office shooting in 1996. David Hill had given up his appeals.

Just before David Hill was executed by lethal injection, his lawyer read a statement from Hill to the relatives of the murder victims: "Hopefully, my decision to have this sentence carried out without delay will help you understand the sincerity of my apology and will provide you with some closure. To those of you who have expressed forgiveness to me, I thank you. For those of you who have been unable or unwilling to forgive me, I pray that today will provide you with the peace you deserve."

This was the fifth execution in the USA this year, and the 1,104th since judicial killing resumed there in 1977, 38 of them in South Carolina.

No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.