

PUBLIC

AI Index: AMR 51/115/2008

15 October 2008

Further information on UA 275/08 (AMR 51/108/2008, 26 September 2008) – Death penalty/Legal concern

USA (Ohio) Richard Wade Cooley (m), white, aged 41

Richard Cooley was executed in Ohio on 14 October. He was sentenced to death on 5 December 1986 for the murders of Wendy Offredo and Dawn McCreery committed three months earlier. He was 19 years and two months old at the time of the crime. He had spent nearly 22 years on death row.

Twenty-six prisoners have been executed in the USA this year, bringing to 1,125 the number of men and women put to death in the USA since executions resumed there in 1977. Ohio accounts for 27 of these executions.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.