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USA (South Carolina)

William Downs (m), white, aged 38

William Downs was executed in South Carolina on the evening of 14 July. He was sentenced to death in 2002 for the rape and murder of Keenan O'Mailia, a six-year-old boy. William Downs had given up appeals against his conviction and death sentence.

William Downs becomes the 28th person to be put to death in the USA this year, and the 1,032nd to be executed nationwide since judicial killing resumed in 1977. He was the 36th person to be executed in South Carolina since that date.

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