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USA (Texas):           Jesse JACOBS, white

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Amnesty International deeply regrets that Jesse Jacobs was executed as scheduled in Texas on 4 January 1995, after the US Supreme Court turned down his appeal by a vote of 6-3. In a dissenting opinion, Supreme Court Justice, Stephen Breyer, said "I find this course of events deeply troubling."

This is the first execution to take place in the USA in 1995.

Thank you to everyone who sent appeals on his behalf. Letters expressing regret at his execution may be sent to the authorities mentioned in the original EXTRA. Please note that Governor Richards leaves office on 17 January 1995.