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Further information on EXTRA 177/99 (AMR 51/210/99, 14 December 1999) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Texas) John Paul Penry, aged 43

John Paul Penry has received a stay of execution from the 5^{th} US Court of Appeals which has scheduled oral arguments on the case for 10 February 2000. He is now out of imminent danger of being executed.

John Paul Penry was sentenced to death in 1980 and again at a retrial in 1990 for the murder of Pamela Moseley Carpenter in 1979. He has serious mental impairment and suffered a childhood of appalling torture and abuse.

No further action by the UA Network is requested at this time. The network will be informed immediately, however, if another date of execution is set for John Penry. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on his behalf.