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Further information on EXTRA 50/03 (AMR 51/140/2003, 25 November 2003) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Arkansas) Charles Laverne Singleton (m), black, aged 44

Charles Singleton was executed in Arkansas on the evening of 6 January 2004. He was sentenced to death in 1979 for the murder of Mary Lou York who was stabbed to death on 1 June that year in the grocery where she worked. Charles Singleton suffered from serious mental illness.

Charles Singleton was the second prisoner to be put to death in the USA this year and the 887th since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Arkansas accounts for 26 of these executions.

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