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Death

24 January 1992

USA (Virginia)

Herbert Bassett

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Amnesty International has just learned that Governor Wilder commuted the death sentence of Herbert Bassett, who was scheduled to be executed by the state of Virginia on 23 January 1992. He will now serve a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

This is the second commutation to be granted by Governor Wilder during his period in office. Joe Giarratano's death sentence was commuted by the Governor on 20 February 1991.

No further action is required on Herbert Bassett's behalf. Thank you to all who sent appeals.