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Further information on UA 230/99 (AMR 51/144/99, 3 September 1999) and follow-ups (AMR 51/164/99, 12 October 1999, AMR 51/184/99, 15 November 1999 and AMR 51/209/99, 14 December 1999) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (North Carolina) Johnnie Lee McKnight, aged 19

The hearing into Johnnie McKnight's competency to stand trial has been postponed again. The hearing, due to begin on 25 January 2000, was postponed because of severe weather, namely the worst snowstorm to hit the area in 100 years. It is not known when the hearing will now take place, but it may not be for several weeks or months.

No further action by the UA Network is requested at this time. Many thanks to all who have sent appeals.