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USA (Florida) Johnny L. Robinson (m), black, aged 51

Johnny Robinson was executed in Florida on 4 February 2004. He was convicted in 1986 for the murder of Beverly St George in August 1985.

Johnny Robinson was scheduled to be put to death at 6pm local time. Fifteen minutes before the execution, the US Supreme Court ordered that the killing be stopped "to wait for further word". A little over an hour later the Court dismissed Robinson's final appeal, five votes to four. He was then put to death at around 7.30pm.

Johnny Robinson becomes the 10th person to be executed in the USA this year and the 895th since judicial killing resumed in 1977. Florida accounts for 58 of these executions.

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