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Further information on UA 46/05 (AMR 51/046/2005, 24 February 2005) - Death penalty

USA (North Carolina) William Dillard Powell (m), aged 58, white

William Powell was executed in North Carolina on 11 March 2005. He was sentenced to death in 1993 for the murder of a shop assistant, Mary Gladden.

Late on 10 March, the US Supreme Court decided not to intervene to halt the execution. Governor Mike Easley denied clemency. In his reported statement, he said "Having carefully reviewed the clemency petition, I conclude that there are no compelling reasons to invalidate the sentence recommended by the jury and affirmed by the courts".

William Powell becomes the 10th person to be put to death in the USA this year, and the 954th since judicial killing resumed in the country in 1977. North Carolina accounts for 35 of these executions.

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