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Further information on EXTRA 25/02 (AMR 51/052/2002, 28 March 2002) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Colorado) Samnang Prim (m) - former child refugee, precise age unknown

Samnang Prim is no longer facing the possibility of the death penalty at his forthcoming trial in Colorado. The District Attorney has said that he will not seek a death sentence against him.

In a message to Amnesty International, Samnang Prim's lawyer has asked for his thanks to be passed on to all who sent appeals, which he said were "very valuable in this process". In his message, written "on behalf of Samnang Prim, his family, and our defence team", he said: "Thank all members and letter writers for us, and let them know that, in combination with the efforts of many other people, they were successful!!!!".

The International Secretariat had sent a letter to Samnang Prim's lawyer on 12 June 2001 detailing Amnesty International's concerns in this case, for the information of the defence team and their use in pre-trial proceedings.

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