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**Further information on UA 82/04 (AMR 51/040/2004, 26 February 2004) Death penalty**

**USA (Ohio) William Wickline (m), white, aged 51**

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William Wickline was executed in Ohio on 30 March 2004 for the murder in 1982 of Peggy Lerch.

In his final statement, William Wickline reportedly stated: "May tomorrow see the courts shaped by more wisdom and less politics."

William Wickline becomes the 21<sup>st</sup> person to be executed in the USA this year, and the 906<sup>th</sup> since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Ohio accounts for 11 of these executions.

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