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USA (Arkansas): Hoyt CLINES
James HOLMES
Darryl RICHLEY

Amnesty International has learned with deep regret that the three men named above were executed as scheduled on 3 August.

Hoyt Clines was executed first, followed just under an hour later by Darryl Richley, and finally, just over an hour later, James Holmes was executed. According to press reports, Richley was originally intended to be the last to be executed, but the order of the second and third executions were reversed in order to allow James Holmes to appeal the lifting of a stay of execution which had been granted earlier in the day, to the US Supreme Court. The reversal of the execution order, press reports say, meant that Richley did not have time to read a last letter from his brother, write letters he had planned to write, or attend to spiritual matters which he had intended doing.

Thank you to everyone who sent appeals on behalf of Hoyt Clines, Darryl Richley and James Holmes. Letters expressing regret at their executions may be sent to the authorities listed in the original EXTRA.