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USA (Texas):           Seven executions scheduled in 15 day period

Lester Bower, and Delma Banks, who were scheduled to be executed by the state of Texas, USA, on 29 and 30 April respectively, have received stays of execution.

The reason for the stays are not known. No further action is required on behalf of Lester Bower at the present time. For further action and information on Delma Banks please see further information on EXTRA 02/92 (AMR 51/60/92 dated 30 April 1992).

Of the seven executions scheduled between 15 and 30 April, one was carried out (Billy White was executed on 23 April), one was rescheduled (Delma Banks for 30 May 1992) and five were stayed (Leonel Herrera, Benjamin Boyle, David Gibbs, Harold Lane and Lester Bower). Executions continue to be scheduled in Texas at an alarming rate.