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USA: (Texas)

Delma BANKS (Black)

Delma Banks, who was scheduled to be executed by the state of Texas, USA, on 30 May 1992, has had his execution date modified to 30 June 1992. This is Delma Banks' fourth execution date this year, and is considered to be very serious.

Delma Banks, 33, was sentenced to death in October 1980 for the shooting murder of Richard Wayne Whitehead, white, in April 1980.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to convene a clemency hearing to consider the case of Delma Banks;

- asking the Board to recommend that Governor Richards grant clemency to Delma Banks by commuting his death sentence.

APPEALS TO

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
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USA

Salutation: Dear Board Members

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