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Further information on EXTRA 38/02 (AMR 51/071/2002, 10 May 2002) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Texas) Henry Earl Dunn, black, aged 27

The execution of Henry Dunn, which was due to take place in Texas on the evening of 14 May 2002, was blocked by the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Because Henry Dunn's previous appeal lawyers had missed filing deadlines, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit had dismissed his case. The execution was blocked following an appeal based on whether there can be any reconsideration of this outcome. While the Fifth Circuit has not yet ruled, the order it issued on 13 May had the effect of dissolving the execution date.

The state would now have to seek a new execution date in the event that Henry Dunn's appeals are unsuccessful.

Henry Dunn was sentenced to death in 1995 for the murder of Nicolas West in 1993.

No further appeals are requested at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.