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Further information on EXTRA 55/96 (AMR 51/38/96, 22 April 1996) and follow-ups (AMR 51/39/96, 3 May and AMR 51/83/96, 3 September) - Death Penalty

USA (GEORGIA) Ellis Wayne FELKER

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Ellis Wayne Felker, who was scheduled to be executed on 10 September 1996, has now received a 40-day stay of execution. He earlier received two 48-hour stays of execution.

The stays follow the discovery of four boxes of evidence, concerning the investigation of the murder of Joy Ludlum, in the offices of the district attorney and sheriff responsible for the case. The evidence should have been made available to the defence attorneys representing Felker in his post-conviction appeals under Georgia's "Open Records Act".

The US Supreme Court has ordered that a lower court reconsider it's previous decisions with a "determination of fact".

Thanks you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Ellis Wayne Felker. No further appeals are required by the Urgent Action Network at present.