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Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman (m), black, aged

On 6 June, the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a stay of execution for Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman. A three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit had earlier refused his appeal, but Abdur'Rahman's lawyers sought to have the case heard before the full court. On 6 June, the Court announced that a majority of its judges had agreed to such a hearing, and the stay of execution was issued. On 10 June, the defence lawyers learned that the state was not going to challenge the order, and the stay of execution was assured.

Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman had been scheduled to be executed in Tennessee on 18 June. He was convicted in 1987 of the murder of Patrick Daniels, who was stabbed to death in 1986.

For further information on this case, please see *Not in the jury's name: the imminent execution of Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman* (AI Index: AMR 51/075/2003, 4 June 2003).

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