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Further information on EXTRA 48/00 (AMR 51/73/00, 18 May 2000) and follow-up (AMR 51/85/00, 31 May) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Oklahoma) Roger James Berget, white, aged 39

Roger Berget was executed in Oklahoma in the first few minutes of 8 June. He had been sentenced to death in 1987 for the 1985 murder of Rick Patterson.

Five people have been executed in the USA in the past seven days. Roger Berget's execution follows those of James Robedeaux (Oklahoma), Pernell Ford (Alabama), Feltus Taylor (Louisiana) and Bennie Demps (Florida).

Roger Berget becomes the 44th person executed in the USA this year, eight of whom have been put to death in Oklahoma. Only Texas has executed more.

The USA has now executed 642 prisoners since it resumed executions in 1977.

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