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**Further information on EXTRA 33/03 (AMR 51/083/2003, 9 June 2003) and follow-up (AMR 51/095/2003, 2 July 2003) - Death penalty**

**USA (Virginia)**

**Bobby Wayne Swisher (m), white, aged 27**

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Bobby Swisher was executed on 22 July 2003 in Virginia after the state Supreme Court refused to hear his final appeal and Governor Warner refused to intervene. Bobby Swisher was sentenced to death for the murder of Dawn McNees Snyder in February 1997.

Bobby Swisher becomes the 46<sup>th</sup> person to be put to death in the USA this year, and the 866<sup>th</sup> since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Virginia accounts for 89 of these executions, behind only Texas in the number of executions carried out.

**No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**