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Further information on UA 145/95 (AMR 51/87/95, 22 June 1995 and correction, 3 July), and follow-ups (AMR 51/99/95, 24 July and AMR 51/106/95, 8 August) - Death penalty

**USA (PENNSYLVANIA) Leon Moser**

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Leon Moser was executed in Pennsylvania on 16 August 1995, after a 24-hour stay was lifted by the US Supreme Court.

According to information received, the Court had earlier upheld the stay of execution granted by a federal district court judge so that a hearing could be held to decide whether Moser was competent to waive his right to appeal. The Court initially voted 8-1 in favour of a stay of execution, however they later voted 5-4 to lift the stay on appeal by the state authorities. The competency hearing had already been scheduled for 9.30am on 17 August.

Amnesty International is seeking further information about the circumstances in which Leon Moser's execution was carried out.

Thank you to everyone who sent appeals. Letters expressing regret at Leon Moser's execution may be sent to the authorities indicated in the original action.