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USA (Texas) Charles Anthony Boyd, aged 39

Charles Boyd was executed in Texas on 5 August 1999. He had been sentenced to death in November 1987 for the capital murder of Mary Milligan.

According to reports, Boyd initially declined to make a final statement. However, as the lethal injection began he said: "I want you all to know I did not do this crime. I asked for a 30-day stay for a DNA test so you know who did the crime."

Four of Mary Milligan's relatives were among those who witnessed the execution.

Charles Boyd becomes the 18th person executed in Texas in 1999, and the 182nd overall since executions resumed in the state in December 1982.

He also became the 61st person executed in the USA this year and the 561st overall since the USA resumed executions in 1977.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of Charles Boyd.