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**Further information on EXTRA 37/03 (AMR 51/115/2003, 07 August 2003) – Death penalty / Legal concern**

**USA (Tennessee)**

**Philip Ray Workman (m), white, aged 48**

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On 15 September 2003, Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen issued a four-month reprieve for Philip Workman, who was scheduled to be executed on 24 September.

The Governor issued the following statement: "The Attorney General recently informed me of a federal criminal investigation underway that may be related to this case. As a result, today I am issuing a postponement of Philip Workman's execution until this investigation is completed and we can assess its relevance to the case. So long as there are outstanding issues that may be related to this case, the only proper thing to do is to wait until those questions have been answered. I am a supporter of the death penalty, but committed that it be carried out in a judicious manner."

Neither the Governor nor the Attorney General disclosed the nature of the federal investigation in question.

The reprieve will expire on 15 January 2004. At that time, depending on the outcome of the investigation and analysis of its impact on this case, the Attorney General could seek a new execution date from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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