

**PUBLIC**

**AI Index: AMR 51/199/2005**

**06 December 2005**

**Further Information on UA 296/05 (AMR51/189/2005, 25 November 2005) Death Penalty**

**USA (Maryland)**

**Wesley Baker (m), black**

---

Wesley Baker was executed on 5 December 2005 for the murder of Jane Frances Tyson, who was white, in 1991. There had been doubts about whether Baker fired the shots which killed Tyson. In Maryland, only the actual murderer can be sentenced to death.

According to press reports, in the hours before his execution, Baker was visited by his lawyer, his mother and a social worker, who were required to stand behind a red line painted on the floor, three feet from the door of his cell. At the end of the visit, guards permitted his mother to approach the cell and she was able to hug him through the bars of the cell.

**Thank you to everyone who sent appeals on Wesley Baker's behalf. No further action is required.**