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Further information on EXTRA 07/02 (AMR 51/011/2002, 17 January 2002) - Death Penalty

USA (California) Stephen Wayne Anderson (m), white, aged 48

Stephen Wayne Anderson was executed by lethal injection in the early hours of 29 January 2002.

Convicted of the murder of 81-year-old Elizabeth Lyman, Anderson had spent 20 years on death row.

Members of Lyman's family had asked that Anderson's sentence be commuted to life in prison without parole. Governor Gray Davis denied clemency on 26 January.

Stephen Wayne Anderson becomes the fifth prisoner to be executed in the USA this year and the 754th since executions resumed in the country in 1977. Ten of these executions have been carried out in California.

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