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**Death Penalty**

**5 March 1992**

**USA: (Oklahoma)**

**Olan Randle ROBISON**

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Olan Randle Robison is scheduled to be executed by the state of Oklahoma, USA, on 13 March 1992. The state Board of Pardon and Parole has very recently recommended to Governor Walters, by a vote of 4-0, to deny clemency to Robison.

Robison, white, now aged 45, was sentenced to death in 1981 for the robbery/murder of a man and two women, all white. Two co-defendants in the crime received life sentences.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Oklahoma has carried out one execution under its current death penalty statute, which was enacted in 1976. Charles Coleman was executed on 10 September 1990.

As of December 1991, there were 125 prisoners under sentence of death in the state. Execution is carried out by lethal injection.

In Oklahoma the Governor is empowered to grant a 60-day reprieve, but is not empowered to commute a death sentence unless the Board of Pardons and Paroles has made a favourable clemency recommendation.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/telephone calls/express and airmail letters:**

- urging the Board of Pardon and Parole to reconvene and reconsider its decision;

- urging Governor Walters to grant a stay of execution to Olan Robison.

#### **APPEALS TO**

1) Oklahoma Board of Pardon and Parole  
4040 N Lincoln, Suite 219  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
USA

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Oklahoma City, OK 73105, USA**

**Telephone:** + 1 405 427 8601  
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**Salutation:** Dear Board Members

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2) The Honourable David Walters  
Governor of Oklahoma  
State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
USA

**Telegrams:** Governor Walters, Oklahoma  
City, OK 73105, USA

**Telephone:** + 1 405 521 2342

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**Salutation:** Dear Governor

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:** diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 March 1992.