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Further Information on EXTRA 17/03 (AMR 51/030/2003, 21 February 2003) -<u>Death Penalty/Legal</u> Concern

USA (Texas) Delma Banks (m), black, aged 43

Delma Banks has received an indefinite stay of execution from the United States Supreme Court. He was scheduled to be executed on 12 March 2003 for the murder of Richard Wayne Whitehead in 1980.

The Supreme Court has said that the stay of execution will remain in effect pending its decision on whether to review the case. If the Court decides not to hear the case, the execution could be rescheduled as soon as 30 days later, in which case Delma Banks can file further appeals to the state courts.

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