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Further information on EXTRA 24/00 (AMR 51/42/00, 13 March 2000) - Death penalty

USA (Missouri) James Henry Hampton, aged 62

James Hampton was executed in Missouri in the first few minutes of 22 March 2000. He was sentenced to death in 1996 for the abduction and murder of Frances Keaton in 1992 during an attempt to obtain money from her and her fiancé.

Although he had given up his appeals, opponents of the death penalty, led by the Missouri Catholic Conference, had sought clemency for him. Governor Carnahan denied clemency late on 21 March.

James Hampton becomes the 26th person executed in the USA this year and the 624th since judicial killing resumed in the United States in 1977. Forty-two of those executions have been carried out in Missouri.

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