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Further information on EXTRA 32/00 (AMR 51/54/00, 5 April 2000) - Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Alabama) Robert Lee Tarver, aged 52, African American

Robert Tarver was executed in Alabama's electric chair in the first few minutes of 14 April 2000. He had been sentenced to death for the 1984 robbery and shooting of 63-year-old Hugh Kite at his grocery store in Russell County.

Last-minute appeals to the courts to stop the execution, on the grounds that the prosecutor at Tarver's 1985 trial had discriminated against blacks during jury selection, failed. Robert Tarver made no final statement before being killed. The son and daughter of Hugh Kite watched the execution.

Robert Tarver becomes the 28th prisoner to be executed in the USA this year, and the 626th since the USA resumed judicial killing in 1977. He was the third prisoner to be executed in Alabama's electric chair this year.

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