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**Further Information on UA 77/06 (AMR 51/59/2006, 04 April 2006) - Death Penalty**

**USA (North Carolina)**

**Willie Brown (m), aged 61, black**

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Willie Brown was executed by lethal injection at 2am local time on 21 April at the Central Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina. He had been convicted of the murder of Valerie Ann Roberson Dixon in 1983. Brown was reportedly mentally ill and received inadequate legal representation at his trial.

The US Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal lodged by Brown's attorneys that the execution should be halted because the chemicals which make up the lethal injection would cause pain.

**Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network.**