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Further information on UA 136/06 (AMR 51/077/2006, 16 May 2006) – Death penalty / Legal concern

USA (Texas) Angel Maturino Reséndiz (m) aged 46, Hispanic

Mexican national Angel Maturino Reséndiz was executed in Texas on 27 June 2006. He was sentenced to death for the 1998 murder of Claudia Benton, a doctor in Houston. He is also believed to have committed a series of murders in several other US states. There is compelling evidence that Angel Maturino Reséndiz suffered from serious mental illness, including paranoid schizophrenia.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously rejected clemency, and Governor Rick Perry did not intervene. The execution went ahead despite a call by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for the United States to take the steps necessary to preserve Reséndiz's life and physical integrity while his claims raised in a petition to the Commission were under review.

This was the 13th execution in Texas in 2006 and the 368th in the state since judicial killing resumed there in 1982.

There have been 25 executions in the USA this year, bringing to 1,029 the total number of people put to death in the USA since executions resumed in 1977.

No further appeals are requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.