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Further information on EXTRA 43/02 (AMR 51/091/2002, 7 June 2002) Death penalty

USA (Texas) Robert Otis Coulson (m), white, aged 34

Robert Coulson was executed in Texas on the evening of 25 June 2002 for the murder of his sister and her husband in 1992.

The bodies of five members of the Coulson family were found after firefighters were called to a housefire in Houston on 13 November 1992. Robert Coulson was tried for the murder of two of them.

In his final statement he maintained his innocence of the crime.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had voted 17-0 to deny clemency.

Robert Coulson becomes the 34th person to be executed in the USA this year, and the 783rd since executions resumed in 1977. Texas accounts for 273 of these executions, 17 of which have been carried out this year.

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