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Further information on EXTRA 122/99 (AMR 51/141/99, 2 September 1999) - Death penalty

USA (Texas) Willis Jay Barnes, black, aged 51
William Prince Davis, black, aged 42

Willis Jay Barnes and William Prince Davis were executed as scheduled on 10 and 14 September 1999 respectively.

They became the 100th and 101st prisoners put to death in Texas since Governor George W. Bush took office in January 1995. Governor Bush is currently campaigning to become the next President of the USA under the campaign slogan of "compassionate conservatism".

A third inmate, Richard Wayne Smith, was executed in Texas on 21 September, bringing to 25 the number of prisoners put to death in the state in 1999. Texas has now accounted for 189 of the 574 executions carried out since the USA resumed judicial killing in 1977. Seventy-four prisoners have been executed nationwide so far in 1999, equalling the previous highest annual total, set in 1997.

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