

URGENT ACTION

MISSOURI CONDUCTS ITS EIGHTH EXECUTION OF 2014

Earl Ringo was executed in Missouri on 10 September after the courts refused to intervene and the state governor denied clemency. This was the eighth execution of 2014 in Missouri, more than a quarter of the national total.

Earl Ringo was sentenced to death in 1999 for the murders of Dennis Poyser, a delivery truck driver, and Joanna Baysinger, a trainee manager, who were shot and killed during the course of an after-hours robbery of a restaurant in Columbia, Missouri, in July 1998.

Last minute appeals raising concerns about Missouri's lethal injection procedures were unsuccessful. The US Court of Appeals denied the appeal by seven votes to three, and the US Supreme Court refused to stay the execution, by a vote of five to four.

Governor Jay Nixon denied clemency.

The execution went ahead soon after midnight and Earl Ringo was pronounced dead at 12.31am.

There have been 1,387 executions in the USA since 1976, 78 of them in Missouri. There have been 28 executions in the USA this year, eight of them in Missouri.

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

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