

URGENT ACTION

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT BLOCKS EXECUTION

The Arkansas Supreme Court has issued a stay of execution in the case of Marcel Wayne Williams, who was scheduled to be executed in Arkansas on 12 July.

Lawyers for three prisoners on death row in Arkansas who were facing execution dates in the next two months, including **Marcel Wayne Williams**, appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court for a stay of execution. Their appeal asked for the stay pending the outcome of a lawsuit currently before a trial level court in Arkansas relating to the state's lethal injection law and procedures. On 23 June, the Arkansas Supreme Court granted the stay of execution for all three inmates, Marcel Williams, Jason McGehee and Bruce Ward.

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

This is the first update of UA 182/11. Further information: www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR51/054/2011/en

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