

URGENT ACTION

KENNETH MOSLEY EXECUTED IN TEXAS

Kenneth Mosley was executed on the evening of 7 January in Texas. Mosley, a 51-year-old African American man, had spent 12 years on death row for the murder of a white police officer, David Moore, during an attempted bank robbery in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

Kenneth Mosley made no final statement before being put to death by lethal injection shortly after 6pm local time in the Texas execution chamber. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had rejected clemency earlier in the week and Governor Rick Perry declined to intervene to stop the execution.

There have been three executions in the USA this year, following the 52 executions carried out there in 2009. Texas carried out 24 executions last year. The execution of Kenneth Mosley is the first in Texas in 2010.

The USA has carried out 1,191 executions since resuming judicial killing 1977. Texas accounts for 448 of these executions.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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