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Further information on EXTRA 06/98 (AMR 51/02/98, 14 January 1998) - Death Penalty

USA (INDIANA) Robert SMITH

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Amnesty International very much regrets that Robert Smith was executed in Indiana, as scheduled, on 29 January 1998.

In a final statement, Smith apologised for his crimes: "*I'm ashamed of the way I lived my life and I've prayed God will forgive me. I hope the angels are flying close to the ground. I'm sorry I helped make the world the way it is today.*"

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Robert Smith. Letters regretting his execution may be sent to the authorities indicated in the original Urgent Action.