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USA (Texas) Scott Louis Panetti (m), white, aged 45

A federal judge has granted Scott Panetti a 60-day stay of execution in order that his competency for execution – whether he understands the reason for and reality of his punishment – can be examined. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had already rejected clemency by 15 votes to one.

Scott Panetti was scheduled to be executed in Texas on 5 February for killing his parents-in-law in 1992. He has a long history of serious mental illness, including schizophrenia. Before the crime, he was hospitalized more than a dozen times in numerous facilities.

See also: *“Where is the compassion?” The imminent execution of Scott Panetti, mentally ill offender*, AMR 51/011/2004, 16 January 2004, <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR510112004>

No further action by the UA Network is requested at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International’s campaigning on this case has received widespread media attention.