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**Further information on EXTRA 10/03 (AMR 51/018/2003, 10 February 2003) - Death penalty / Legal concern**

**USA (Federal)**

**Louis Jones (m), black, aged 53**

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Former soldier Louis Jones was executed by the US Government on 18 March in the US Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was sentenced to death in October 1995 for the murder of a white woman, US Army Private Tracie Joy McBride, eight months earlier.

President George W. Bush rejected clemency.

Louis Jones becomes the 17th prisoner to be executed in the USA this year, and the 837th since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. He was the third federal death row prisoner to be executed, all of whom have been put to death under the current presidency.

For further information, see: *Another planned killing by the US Government – The imminent federal execution of Louis Jones* (AI Index: AMR 51/020/2003, February 2003), and News Service *President Bush sanctions another killing* (AI Index: AMR 51/041/2003, 18 March 2003).

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