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**Further information on UA 119/04 (AMR 51/052/2004, 22 March 2004) - Death penalty**

**USA (Virginia) Dennis Mitchell Orbe (m), white, aged 39**

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Dennis Orbe was executed in Virginia on 31 March 2004. He was sentenced to death in October 1998 for the murder of Richard Burnett, a 39-year-old white man who was shot and killed in January 1998 during a robbery of the convenience store where he worked.

Last-minute appeals in the courts challenging the constitutionality of the lethal injection process were unsuccessful.

Dennis Orbe declined to make a final statement before being put to death. He becomes the 22<sup>nd</sup> prisoner to be executed in the USA this year and the 907<sup>th</sup> since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Virginia accounts for 91 of these executions, second only to Texas.

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