

URGENT ACTION

FLORIDA CARRIES OUT FIFTH EXECUTION OF YEAR

Marshall Gore was executed on 1 October in Florida for the murder of Robyn Novick, committed in 1988.

Marshall Gore's lawyer had continued to challenge the execution on the grounds of his client's alleged mental "incompetence" for execution. In July a trial level judge in Florida had rejected that claim, ruling that Marshall Gore had "a rational understanding that he is being executed because he murdered Ms Novick and will die as a result of that execution". On 13 August the Florida Supreme Court upheld this, and on 26 September the federal US District Court denied an appeal against the state court rulings. The judge wrote: "The Court accepts the limited role that it has on federal habeas review. The law requires the result here." On 27 September, the US Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit refused to stay the execution, and on 1 October the US Supreme Court declined to intervene.

Fifty-year-old Marshall Gore was executed by lethal injection shortly after 6pm local time on 1 October. He made no final statement.

This was the 28th execution in the USA this year and the fifth in Florida. There have been 1,348 executions in the USA since judicial killing resumed under new capital laws in 1977. Florida accounts for 79 of these executions, behind only Texas, Virginia and Oklahoma.

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

This is the first update of UA 230/13. Further information: <http://amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR51/059/2013/en>

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