

URGENT ACTION

HERMAN WALLACE DIED TWO DAYS AFTER RELEASE

On 1 October a federal judge overturned Herman Wallace's conviction for the 1972 murder of a prison guard and ordered his immediate release from prison.

Consistent with their decades-long determination to keep **Herman Wallace** behind bars, the state appealed against the judge's order and refused to release him from prison. Only after the judge threatened to hold the state in contempt of court did the state of Louisiana finally release Herman, already so weak that he left the prison by ambulance, to be taken directly to hospital.

Herman Wallace lived just two more days before dying on 4 October surrounded by his friends and family.

Before his death Herman Wallace was aware that thousands of Amnesty activists had fought for his release. He asked that his legacy be that those who fought for him would now join the fight for justice for his co-defendant, Albert Woodfox, who remains in solitary confinement in prison in Louisiana. Amnesty International will launch a new action asking the state of Louisiana to withdraw its appeal to the latest federal ruling that overturned Albert Woodfox's conviction for the third time and allow his freedom.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.

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