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Further information on EXTRA 35/02 (AMR 51/068/2002, 1 May 2002) - Death penalty

**USA (Alabama) Lynda Lyon Block (f), white, aged 54**

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Lynda Block was executed in Alabama's electric chair in the first few minutes of 10 May 2002. She was sentenced to death in 1994 for the murder of a police officer committed in 1993.

Lynda Block reportedly made no final statement before she was killed. She had refused to appeal her death sentence in the courts, but she had written to Governor Siegelman asking for a stay of execution. She had reportedly asked him to set up an independent panel to look into her case, stating that the appeal courts could not conduct a fair review. The governor refused to intervene.

Lynda Block becomes the 26<sup>th</sup> person to be executed in the USA this year, and the 775<sup>th</sup> since executions resumed there in 1977. Twenty-four of these executions have been carried out in Alabama.

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