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Further information on UA 153/07 (AMR 51/107/2007, 18 June 2007) – Death penalty

USA (Texas) Patrick Bryan Knight (m), white, aged 39

Patrick Knight was executed in Texas on 26 June. He was sentenced to death in Randall County in 1993 for the murder of Mary Ann and Walter Werner in 1991.

In his reported final statement, Patrick Knight asked for help for innocent men on death row, naming several he said were innocent. He said: "Not all of us are innocent, but those are." He added that "I said I was going to tell a joke. Death has set me free. That's the biggest joke. I deserve this. And the other joke is that I am not Patrick Bryan Knight and y'all can't stop this execution now. Go ahead, I'm finished."

After the execution, the Texas authorities rejected Patrick Knight's mistaken identity claim.

There have been 29 executions in the USA this year, bringing to 1,086 the total number of prisoners put to death in the country since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Texas accounts for 397 of these executions.

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