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**Further information on UA 208/06 (AMR 51/128/2006, 03 August 2006) – Death penalty**

**USA (Ohio)**

**Darrell Wayne Ferguson (m), white, aged 28**

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Darrell Ferguson was executed in Ohio on 8 August 2006. He was sentenced to death in 2003 for the murder of 61-year-old Thomas King on 25 December 2001 and the murders of Mae Fugate, aged 69, and her 68-year-old husband Arlie Fugate the following evening. Darrell Ferguson had waived his appeals.

In a statement issued on 7 August 2006, Governor Bob Taft said that he could “find no justifiable basis for mercy”.

There have been 34 executions in the USA this year, bringing to 1,038 the number of people put to death since judicial killing resumed in the USA in 1977. At least 122 of these executions have been of prisoners who gave up their appeals. Ohio has put 23 prisoners to death since resuming executions in 1999.

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