

# URGENT ACTION

## 21<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTION UNDER FLORIDA GOVERNOR

**Johnny Shane Kormondy was executed by lethal injection in Florida on the evening of 15 January for a murder committed in 1993. This was the 21<sup>st</sup> execution under Rick Scott's governorship, equalling the record for any Florida governor since 1976.**

On 24 November Governor Rick Scott signed the death warrant for **Johnny Shane Kormondy** for the murder of Gary McAdams in July 1993. The death warrant stated that it had been determined that executive clemency was "not appropriate", and that Governor Scott had designated the week beginning 12 January 2015 for the execution. The execution was delayed by about two hours while the US Supreme Court considered a challenge brought by Shane Kormondy's lawyers relating to the lethal injection drugs. After the appeal was denied, the execution went ahead at about 8pm, with the prisoner pronounced dead at 8.16pm.

There were 20 executions in Rick Scott's first term as Florida Governor, which began in January 2011, more than during the first term of any Florida governor since the US Supreme Court approved new state capital laws in 1976, and only one fewer than occurred under Governor Jeb Bush over two terms (1999-2007). Rick Scott was elected to a second term in November 2014. His re-inauguration took place on 6 January.

There have been three executions in the USA this year, one in Georgia, one in Oklahoma and one in Florida. There have been 1,397 executions in the USA since 1976. Florida accounts for 90 of these executions.

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

Name: Johnny Shane Kormondy  
Gender m/f: m

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This is the second update of UA 162/14. Further information: [www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR51/056/2014/en](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR51/056/2014/en).

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