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Further information on EXTRA 44/02 (AMR 51/094/2002, 10 June 2002) and follow-up (AMR 51/099/2002, 24 June) - Death penalty / Legal concern

**USA (Georgia)Wallace Marvin Fugate, (m) white, aged 52**

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Wallace Fugate was executed in Georgia on the evening of 16 August 2002. He was sentenced to death in 1992 for the murder of his former wife, Pattie Dianne Fugate, in 1991.

Wallace Fugate had received a stay of execution three hours before he was due to be put to death in June, after being denied clemency by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. His execution was blocked by the courts while they considered arguments that the clemency process had been unfair. Wallace Fugate's execution was reset and carried out after his appeals were denied. Last-minute appeals challenging the constitutionality of execution by lethal injection were also rejected.

Wallace Fugate becomes the 43<sup>rd</sup> person to be executed in the USA this year, and the 792<sup>nd</sup> since judicial killing resumed there in 1977. Thirty of these executions have been carried out in Georgia.

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