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Death Penalty

BARBADOS

Leston Leroy HAREWOOD
Vincent MURRELL

Leston Leroy Harewood and Vincent Murrell, who were scheduled to be executed on 10 September, have been granted a stay of execution pending the outcome of a constitutional appeal on their behalf. The first stage of this appeal is expected to be heard in the next few days, after which it may be presented to higher courts. The appeal is based on previous rulings in other capital cases whereby delay in death penalty cases may be seen to constitute "inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment". Both Vincent Murrell and Leston Harewood have spent more than 4 years and 11 months on death row.

No further action is requested at the present time. If action again becomes necessary on behalf of Leston Harewood and Vincent Murrell the Urgent Action Network will be alerted. Thank you to all those who made appeals on their behalf.