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Further information on UA 188/07 (AMR 51/124/2007, 19 July 2007) – Death penalty/Legal concern

USA (Texas) Lonnie Earl Johnson (m), black, aged 44

Lonnie Johnson was executed in Texas on 24 July. He had been sentenced to death in 1994 for the murder of two white teenagers, Gunar Nelson Fulk and Leroy McCaffrey, in 1990.

The courts refused to stay the execution to examine claims that the prosecution had withheld evidence at the trial supportive of Lonnie Johnson's claim that the shootings were committed in self-defence.

Lonnie Johnson becomes the 31st prisoner to be put to death in the USA this year, and the 19th in Texas. There have now been 1,088 executions in the USA since judicial killing resumed in 1977. Texas accounts for 398 of these executions. Lonnie Johnson was the 100th prisoner to be executed after being sentenced to death in Harris County, Texas.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Anyone wishing to send an appeal to the Harris County authorities, please see *USA: One county, 100 executions*, AI Index: AMR 51/125/2007, 20 July 2007, <http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR511252007>).