

URGENT ACTION

STATE OF GEORGIA CARRIES OUT EXECUTION

Kenneth Fults was executed by lethal injection on 12 April in the US state of Georgia. He was sentenced to death in 1997 for the murder of Cathy Bounds in 1996.

The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles denied clemency to **Kenneth Fults** on 11 April. His clemency petition to the Board was based on his remorse for the crime; the abuse, neglect and abandonment he suffered as a child; his “substantial intellectual impairments”; the racist motivation at the sentencing of one of the jurors; and the concerns expressed by other jurors about the fairness of the sentencing in 1997.

The US Supreme Court refused to issue a stay of execution. According to the Department of Corrections, the execution “was carried out on April 12, at 7:37 p.m. in accordance with state law. Fults accepted a final prayer and declined to make a final statement.”

There have been 12 executions in the USA in 2016, including four in Georgia. These bring to 1,434 the total number of executions nationwide since the US Supreme Court approved new capital statutes on 2 July 1976. Georgia accounts for 64 of these executions.

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

This is the first update of UA: 74/16. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr51/3727/2016/en/>

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