

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE**

GREGORY THOMPSON)	
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)	No. M1987-00067-SC-DPE-DD
v.)	Coffee County Circuit Court
)	No. 20,014
)	DEATH PENALTY CASE
STATE OF TENNESSEE)	Filed April 2, 2004

**NOTICE OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES TO
TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
FROM CARRYING OUT THE EXECUTION OF GREGORY THOMPSON PRESENTLY
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19, 2004
AND REQUEST FOR STAY OF EXECUTION**

Comes now Gregory Thompson, through undersigned counsel, and gives notice of the April 1, 2004, request from the Inter-American Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States to the government of the United States to take urgent measures necessary to prevent the State of Tennessee from carrying out the execution of Gregory Thompson presently scheduled for August 19, 2004. See Attachment A. The Commission stated that such measures were necessary for the Commission to have adequate time to determine whether the United States, through the State of Tennessee, will violate the agreement it made in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man by executing Mr. Thompson despite his profound mental illness.

The rules of the Commission provide the United States two months to respond to Mr. Thompson's petition before the Commission further investigates this case. Should the United States use its allotted time, a response would not be filed until approximately June 2004 leaving very little time for the Commission to examine Mr. Thompson's case.

Therefore, in accordance with the Commission's request for "urgent measures necessary to preserve Mr. Thompson's life pending the Commission's investigation," Mr. Thompson herein requests a stay of the August 19, 2004, execution date.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Thompson gives notice of the recent action in his case by the Inter-American Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States and respectfully requests this Court issue a stay of the August 19, 2004, execution date.

Respectfully submitted,

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