



## **FIGHTING CRIME IN THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY: Is the Death Penalty Necessary?**

### **BIOGRAPHY OF PRESENTERS**

***Police Chief James Abbott of West Orange, New Jersey***

Chief Abbott was a strong supporter of the death penalty before studying it for six months as a member of the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission. He still believes in the death penalty in theory, but in practice, "no state has found a way to carry out the death penalty quickly and cheaply and also accurately."

***Former Detective Superintendent Bob Denmark of Lancashire Constabulary, England.***

Det. Supt. Denmark investigated more than 100 homicides in the U.K. and genocide in Africa on behalf of the United Nations. His remarks will include discussion of cases where he felt certain that a defendant was guilty, but he was later proven to be wrong. Det. Supt. Denmark is the author of "Ethical Investigation: A Practical Guide for Police Officers," a training manual that aims to prevent forced confessions, torture and other human rights violations.

***António Cluny, Senior Portuguese Public Prosecutor***

Prosecutor Cluny will discuss how his country has prosecuted terrorism cases without the death penalty or life without parole, including the time after a turbulent revolution in 1974 and continuing until today. He formerly served as the President of the Portuguese Association of the Prosecutors.

***Ronald Hampton, Executive Director, National Black Police Association International Leadership Institute; Former DC Metropolitan Police Department Community Relations Officer***

Hampton is the immediate past Executive Director of the National Black Police Association, Inc. A 23-year police veteran, he serves as a consultant to the Carter Center of Emory University, Human Rights Program, and has worked on initiatives in Britain, Canada, the Bahamas, Ethiopia, Guyana, and South Africa.

Moderator:

***Richard Dieter*** is the Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center.